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Grassroot warning against property tax

Tories cool on Heseltine plan for councils

By Robin Oakley and Nicholas Wood

CONSERVATIVE grassroots activists yesterday gave a cool reception to Michael Heseltine and his plans to replace the community charge with a "people and property" tax. They warned him not to swap the albatross round the party's neck for two lead boots.

Local party members cautioned him against meddling too deeply with council powers and said he should not rush the restructuring of local government and get it wrong again. The leadership's failure to listen more to its councillors had produced the poll tax mess in the first place, he was told.

The environment secretary won only polite applause from a watchful and in parts resentful audience at the Conservative Central Council meeting in Southport as he set out the justification for the poll tax climbdown. His reception contrasted with the standing ovations accorded earlier to Tom King, the defence secretary, and Chris Patten, the party chairman.

Mr Patten had defended John Major against accusations of dithering, saying the prime minister listened, then acted firmly and decisively. He was calm, authoritative and sensible. Mr Patten also promised that the party would fight and win the election on the economy. Inflation was falling like a stone, millions would see their mortgage bills cut in the coming weeks and there would be better news to come in the rest of the year.

In a tired and subdued performance 24 hours after his big day in the Commons, Mr Heseltine promised that that no final decisions had been taken on the future structure and finance of local government. But he was forced on to the defensive over what many Conservatives saw as the growing centralism of the government's approach and emphasised ministers' commitment to giving power to the people.

Many constituency officers and party officials at the meeting confessed uncertainties about the government's proposals and floor speakers opposing a property tax were applauded.

The attack on Mr Heseltine was led by Diana Everall, a Hertfordshire councillor, who was cheered when she said that the government could have saved the poll tax. If it had been launched with half the extra money released in this week's Budget to cut bills "the hardship created could have been relieved".

She added: "All the bitterness and anxiety that exists around this poll tax affair might not have happened." She accused the government of applying desperate solutions to a desperate situation and of acting with undue haste, predicting that the organisational changes would cause chaos. "The cost is likely to be astronomical."

Julian Granger, a Bromley councillor, drew loud applause when he said: "What we must avoid is a property tax, a wealth tax that would discourage people from bettering themselves." He urged improvements in the poll tax such as 100 per cent rebates for people on income support.

Bill Dixon Smith, leader of the Tory group on the Association of County Councils, was one of a minority of speakers to welcome Mr Heseltine's package. He spoke of relief that an albatross had been taken from around the party's neck. But Simon O'Toole from Preston was worried about the twin tax element. "We must not substitute that albatros with two lead boots."

On the review expected to lead to more unitary authorities, John Chatfield, chairman of the Association of County Councils, appealed to Mr Heseltine not to turn Conservative against Conservative. "Local government is the bedrock upon which Conservatism is built," he said. "If we spoil that base we do immense and possibly irreparable damage to the party."

Mr Heseltine later acknowledged that he had been coolly received. "I was giving a technical explanation of a complicated matter," he said. "They said they didn't want a property tax. We haven't given them that. We've given them a local tax based on the number of people living in a household and the value of the household. That is not a property tax, it is a local tax."

One party official explained the failure of the conference to rise to its one-time favourite, saying: "It was his first conference since Margaret Thatcher's downfall. He was never going to get a standing ovation. He was being punished."

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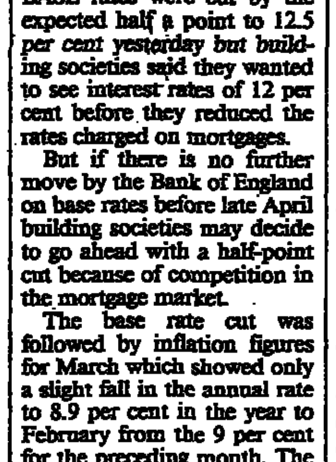

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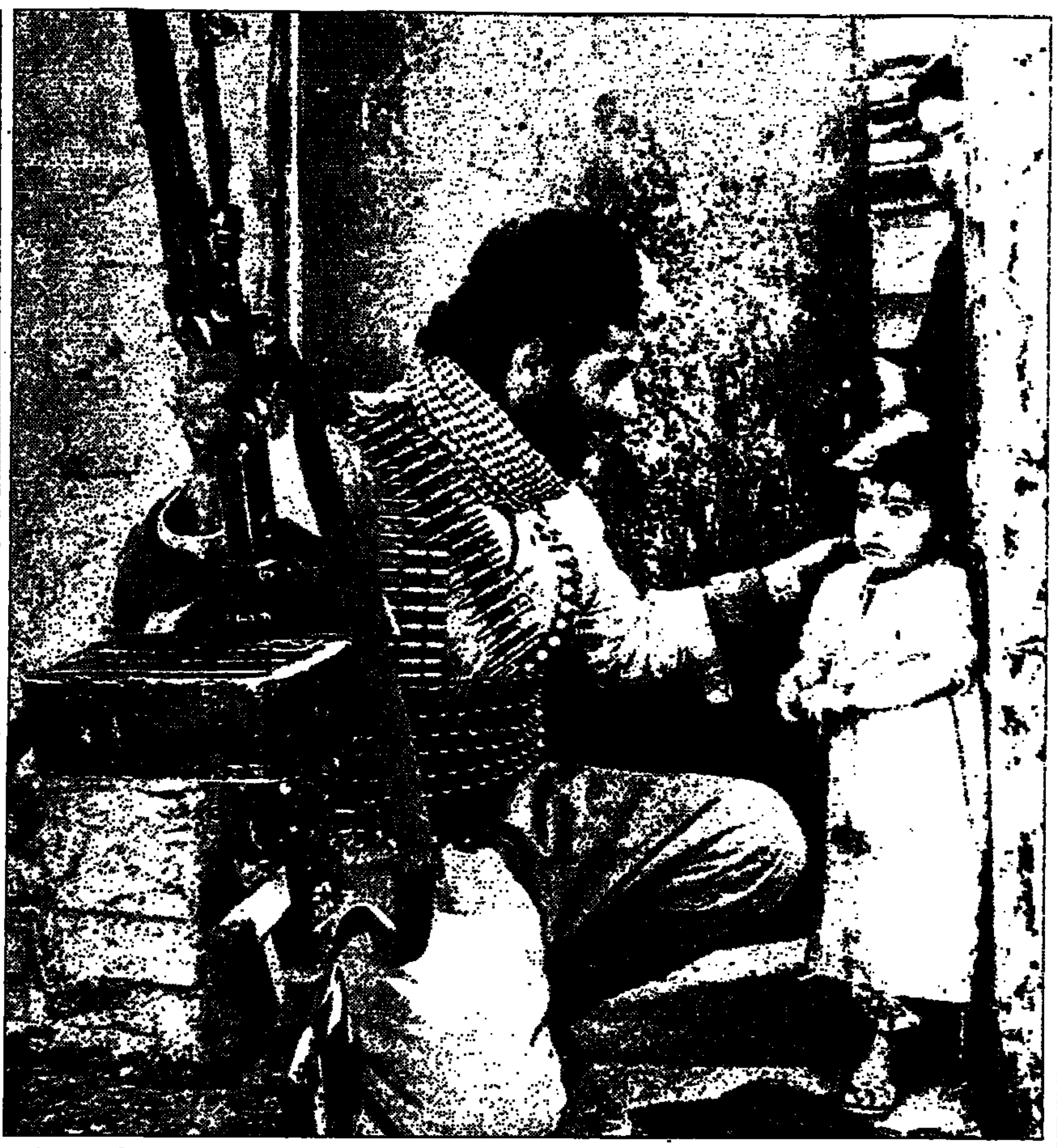

A moment's peace: in one of the first photographs to emerge from liberated Kurdistan, a guerrilla in Harir comforts a child. The photographer, Kaveh Golestan, penetrated 375 miles into Iraqi Kurdistan from Iran to take his pictures

Minister let poll tax cat out of the bag

***Douglas Broom** on the unguarded remarks that led to accusations of a "leak" over plans to abolish the poll tax*

Michael Fallon, the junior education minister, was identified yesterday as the man who "started the hare" that led to Monday's leak of the government's plans for the abolition of the poll tax.

Remarks he made in a BBC Radio Cleveland interview on Monday morning led indirectly to the disclosure of government plans on the main radio and television news bulletins that evening. A transcript of the interview shows that Mr Fallon, MP for Darlington, said that the "great news" from the poll tax review was that ministers favoured unitary all-purpose councils.

"We have on the agenda for the first time since the 1960s the prospect of going back to single tiers," he said. "It need not be the same pattern everywhere but the key is for urban areas like Darlington and like parts of Cleveland, we don't need two layers of councils."

Sources within the BBC said yesterday that details of Mr Fallon's comments were transmitted to London where lobby correspondents approached William Powell, parliamentary private secretary to Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary. Mr Powell "fleshed out the details" believing that since a minister had already spoken publicly it was important that journalists were properly briefed.

"But it was Michael Fallon who started the hare with his remarks on Radio Cleveland," one source said. Attempts to contact Mr Heseltine failed because he was in Brussels.

The connection with Mr Fallon explains the BBC's repeated use of the expression "ministerial sources" in attributing its reports. It was this expression that led to speculation that Mr Heseltine was the source. Mr Fallon's press spokeswoman said yesterday that he declined to comment.

Base rate fall fails to cut mortgages

By George Sivell and Lindsay Cook

BASE rates were cut by the expected half a point to 12.5 *per cent yesterday but building societies said they wanted to see interest rates of 12 per cent before they reduced the rates charged on mortgages.*

But if there is no further move by the Bank of England on base rates before late April building societies may decide to go ahead with a half-point cut because of competition in the mortgage market.

The base rate cut was followed by inflation figures for March which showed only a slight fall in the annual rate to 8.9 per cent in the year to February from the 9 per cent for the preceding month. The underlying rate, excluding poll tax and mortgage interest from the calculation, rose from 7.4 per cent in January to 7.5 per cent last month.

In his Budget speech this week the Chancellor forecast a fall in the headline rate of inflation to 4 per cent by the end of the year. City forecasters agree with this.

But the stock market was disappointed by the size of the base rate cut and the inflation figures and share prices fell sharply. The FT-SE 100 index closed 34.3 points down at 2440.5.City optimists had forecast an average fall of 8.7 per cent in the rate of inflation and had expected a full one point cut in base rates.

Markets were disappointed by a big cash demand on shareholders — £280 million from building materials group Redland — to add to £150 million of cash-raising on Thursday. Sterling reacted well, however, slipping 0.27 cents to $1.7893 and by 0.98 pfennigs to DM2.9422.

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Americans shoot down another Iraqi fighter

By Peter Stothard and Christopher Walker

THE United States responded sharply yesterday to Iraq's continuing violations of the Gulf war ceasefire, shooting down the second Iraqi fighter in three days and threatening further action against President Saddam Hussein's internal repression.

"We want to keep all our options open to respond any way we want at any time," presidential spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater said. "Two up, two down," he said.

There were reports that the anti-Saddam unrest in Iraq was spreading to the streets of Baghdad as one of the two main Kurdish leaders, Jalal Talabani, was heading through Syria to northern Iraq yesterday to help lead the continuing struggle there against government forces.

A number of normally reliable rebel sources in Damascus who were in touch with Iraq by radio reported clashes in neighbourhoods of Baghdad which had previously been relatively free of the unrest which has spread through the north and south of the country and left thousands dead.

The reports from both Islamic and Kurdish spokesmen appeared to support an unsourced report on Tehran radio which also claimed that anti-Saddam rioting had spread to Baghdad and that the president had ordered a state of emergency in the capital.

Western diplomatic sources in Syria said that the reports appeared to raise a new question mark over the future of the Iraqi regime but cautioned that they were countered by reports from refugees crossing into allied occupied areas of southern Iraq that government troops were succeeding in putting down the rebellion in many of the main areas there.

Bayan Jabr, spokesman for the Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq, said details of the ferment in the capital were still sketchy. "Our commandos are carrying out hit and run raids and have clashed with government troops. But the rioting in Baghdad is still on a small scale," he said.

Mr Jabr added that both Shia Muslim fighters and what he described as "Kurdish commandos" were involved in these new attacks in the capital. Western sources said that it had been expected all week that the unrest would soon spread to Baghdad, where even officially censored material allowed out by the government has in the past 48 hours contained more open criticism of the president than in the past.

The second air combat since the end of general American hostilities on February 28 involved an Iraqi SU22 and an American F15. The Iraqi jet was shot down early yesterday morning close to the

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Security criticised by Lockerbie enquiry

By Kerry Gill

THE transport department last night said there was no simple way to detect "one lethal bag among millions" after the enquiry into the Lockerbie bombing found that more stringent baggage checks could have prevented the murder of 259 passengers and crew, and 11 local people.

A statement by the department said that security was an international problem on which governments and airlines were working, and only now was technology becoming available that could help defeat terrorists. "The report answers many of the concerns and questions which have been raised about the disaster. It makes clear that the deaths were a criminal act of murder and we should not lose sight of that fact," it said.

John Prescott, Labour's transport spokesman, called yesterday for an independent enquiry into the department's handling of the affair.

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Town hall pleas fall on deaf ears

By Douglas Broom, local government correspondent

THE Post Office is facing legal action by councils incensed at its insistence that the mails must get through, come what may. Local authorities throughout England and Wales have spent the past three days attempting to stop the delivery of millions of community charge bills that are no longer worth the paper they are printed on.

The Chancellor's Budget announcement on Tuesday that he was taking £140 off every poll tax demand in the country rendered useless bills already printed by councils in compliance with government deadlines. While some were still in town hall offices, at least half of the 37 million bills due to be sent out were quite literally in the post, many of them in unopened mail bags in sorting offices.

Many town hall treasurers tried to minimise confusion by asking the Post Office not to deliver the bills already despatched. But they had reckoned without Post Office devotion to the rule book. Citing the Post Office Act of 1969, postal officials declared that the bills were now formally "in the mails" and could not be tampered with on pain of a fine.

The official stance was too much for Wigan council, which last night sought an injunction to stop the distribution of 230,000 poll tax demands, delivered to the Post Office on the eve of the Budget speech. The outcome of an application to a judge in chambers in Manchester remained a mystery after both sides agreed not to comment.

It appeared however that the Post Office had softened its stance and agreed, for the time being at least, not to deliver the bills.

Society beauties emerge from the Twenties

By John McEntee

Wilding: took her props to Buckingham Palace

A TROVE of photographic plates featuring portraits of famous society figures from the 1920s, including one of Cecil Beaton in a sequined dress, has been discovered by the National Portrait Gallery. Taken by the late Dorothy Wilding, the most fashionable society photographer of the era, the negatives were believed to have been lost in 1940, when her studio was destroyed in the Blitz.

Beaton was appearing in *All that Vogue*, a Cambridge review, when he travelled to London to be photographed in his outfit. The pictures were unearthed by Terence Pepper, archivist at the gallery, and will feature in the first full retrospective of Wilding's work at the gallery in July. Wilding, who died in 1976, could measure her success by the fame of her sitters.

They included George Bernard Shaw, Aldous Huxley, Maurice Chevalier, Gladys Cooper and the entire family of Joseph Kennedy when he was American ambassador in London in 1938. She took the official accession and coronation photographs of George VI and Queen Elizabeth, and was invited to Buckingham Palace to photograph the then Princess Elizabeth in 1947 in her wedding dress.

"She took all the props from her studio — the columns and pillars," — to recreate the proper conditions," said Mr Pepper, who is still hunting for rare Wilding negatives and prints. Most of the new rediscovered material has been bought from Tom Hustler, a photographer, but Mr Pepper is most excited about a smaller batch of portraits from 1925, obtained from an elderly lady who was Wilding's assistant. She rescued the discarded glass plates in order to recycle them, but never did. She has just passed them on to the gallery.

The gallery has acquired 900 glass and film negatives of her work, including intimate shots of the royal family in informal family poses. Some show a teenage Princess Margaret on the piano. Some of the negatives of the Queen in her dress are hand-coloured with negatives merged to create artistic backgrounds of lillies and other flowers. Eleven negatives of the official engage-

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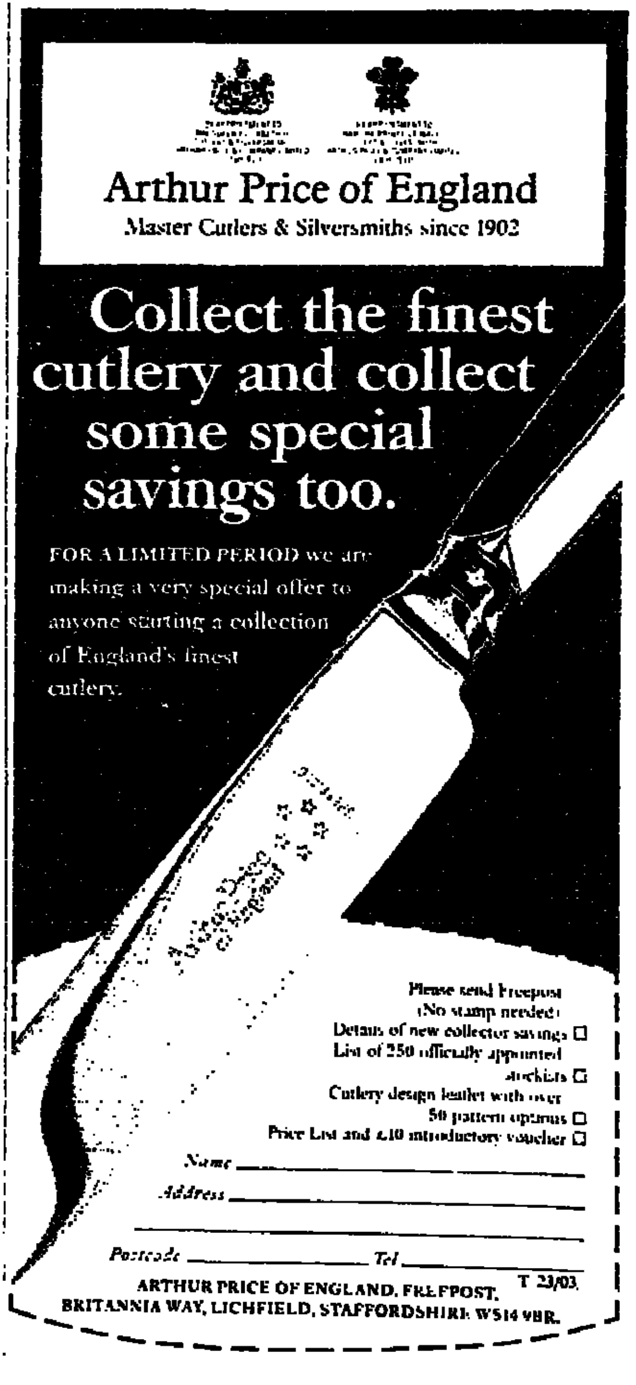

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Sensation and speculation as the tabloids relish a royal scoop

Phillips: says paternity claim will be contested

By Alan Hamilton

THE war over and its jingoistic work done, the popular press has in the last two days been exploring with relish the best story of the peace so far. A paternity suit with royal family connections is nothing if not a winner in the battle of the tabloids.

News that Heather Tonkin, a New Zealand art teacher, was lodging a paternity suit against the estranged husband of the Princess Royal was broken by the *Daily Express* on Thursday under the headline "Mark Phillips in baby wrangle". Ms Tonkin had approached newspapers in Auckland with her story, but lawyers prevented its publication until the suit was filed. Reports suggested that she was seeking a large sum of money as a pay-off from Captain Phillips on behalf of her daughter Felicity, now aged five.

As first editions of the *Express* hit other offices late on Wednesday night, its rivals could do little more than steal the story and claim it as their own. Captain Phillips was lying low and refusing resolutely to say anything, and the Princess Royal was well out of the arena, visiting Japan, just as she found herself visiting a remote Save the Children project in Belize when news of her separation from Captain Phillips was officially confirmed 18 months ago.

By yesterday morning the tabloids were falling over each other to advance the story, but with little in the way of new fact to help them. James Whitaker of the *Daily Mirror*, the doyen of the so-called "rat pack" of royal watchers, wrote that an infuriated Queen was about to throw Captain Phillips out of his modest lodgings on Gatcombe Park estate and sell the property, which she bought for the couple as a wedding present in 1973.

The *Mirror* also ran an inside-page feature on "Sex and the horsey set" quoting that overused tabloid source, "a well-known insider"; the insider concluded that "romps should stay secret".

Meanwhile *The Sun* speculated that Captain Phillips could face a bill of up to £250,000 if he proved to be the father, and that the filing of the suit would hasten the divorce. The paper's main account, however, in spite of its "*Sun* royal sensation", was little more than a reworking of the material already published in the *Express*.

For *Today*, the way forward was to concentrate on the Phillips' son Peter, now aged 11 and attending a Dorset boarding school. Under the heading "Heartbreak for Anne's son", the paper disclosed that he had been withdrawn from a school cricket tour of New Zealand, claiming that the action was taken as a result of a telephone call from the Princess Royal in Japan.

Now that the suit has been filed, the story has appeared in New Zealand newspapers. According to the *Auckland Star* yesterday, the Princess gave specific instructions before the paternity suit became public knowledge that the cricket tour should be low-key.

Having bought up Ms Tonkin's story, the *Express* was the only paper able to make any genuine headway yesterday, claiming that Captain Phillips, through his management agency, had already paid £40,000 in monthly instalments into Ms Tonkin's bank account in Auckland and reproducing exclusive colour pictures of mother and child. It was a good old-fashioned scoop.

After two days of the story running, Captain Phillips last night broke his silence to issue a statement promising that any paternity claim lodged against him would be contested. He added that he was extremely concerned at the distressing effect on his family of publicity arising from the allegations.

Clarke urges schools to put interests of pupils first

By David Tytler, education editor

SCHOOLS must be prepared to encourage pupils to move into the newly independent local colleges rather than persuade them to stay on in their own sixth forms, Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, said last night.

He told the annual conference of the Secondary Heads Association in Edinburgh: "You cannot do the whole job yourselves." He said that he expected the 600 further education colleges to offer competitive academic and vocational courses when they received their independence from local authority control in April 1993.

Colleges could provide vocational courses more economically and effectively than schools and many students would be better advised to join a college than stay on at school. "Of course, you would often prefer them to stay on with you, and not just for financial reasons. But their interests must come first," he said.

Mr Clarke said that schools and colleges should work together while maintaining healthy competition to provide academic and career courses to suit everyone and to persuade more pupils to stay on in education after the age of 16. "I don't see two rigidly defined streams from age 14. Academic GCSEs leading to A-levels, leading to higher education; and vocational courses leading to further post-16 vocational study leading to work," he said.

"Still less do I see those streams always distinguished by level of ability. We are intent on breaking down the academic/vocational divide. That means the vocational qualifications must be good enough for some high ability pupils to choose them as part or whole of their chosen route through school to higher education or professional training."

Christopher Lowe, president of the association, said: "It is an insult to suggest that I am competing with further education colleges. I am happy if pupils make the decision that is right for them. I only try to keep them if I can offer them something different." Mr Lowe said that he believed 16-19 education could be improved if the recently introduced GCSE were scrapped in favour of continuous assessment.

- The first national test for 14-year-olds in mathematics and science must not disrupt classroom teaching nor place an undue burden on teachers and pupils, Mr Clarke said yesterday.

In a letter to the School Examinations and Assessment Council, he said that the pilot tests proposed by the council earlier this year were unsuitable and should be much shorter than the seven weeks the pilot had required, which was "an unacceptable encroachment on teaching time".

He said that the purpose of the test was to provide a rigorous and objective measure of pupils attainments. "In the interests of fairness to pupils and ease of administration to schools my strong view is that these test papers should be undertaken by all 14-year-olds simultaneously and under controlled conditions."

Principal is cheered by freedom

By Alice Thomson

HENLEY College, Coventry, is one of 488 sixth form and further education colleges being freed from local authorities by Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary. The principal, Ian Credland, has welcomed the changes due in two years when his college no longer depends on council control and becomes centrally funded.

Mr Credland's main concerns now are financial, and he believes that the government will spend more on its new initiative. Some 7,500 students are catered for at Henley, and the emphasis is on vocational skills, including catering and engineering. The council can provide only £60,000 a year for capital costs, too little to keep the college abreast of new technology.

"Unless you have capital, you can't be an effective technical college because you just won't keep up with modern equipment, and as training seems to be a catchword in Parliament at the moment, I think the government will be more likely to take this into account," Mr Credland said.

Mr Credland welcomes the change also because of Mr Clarke's emphasis on further education colleges competing with schools. The college would like to run A-level courses for 16-year-olds. "The main problem with the councils is that schools always took precedent," Mr Credland said.

The principal's only reservation about independence is that "all the paperwork and legal and technical difficulties the council used to deal with will be thrown back onto us". He said: "We will need to employ a support staff and pay for professional advice."

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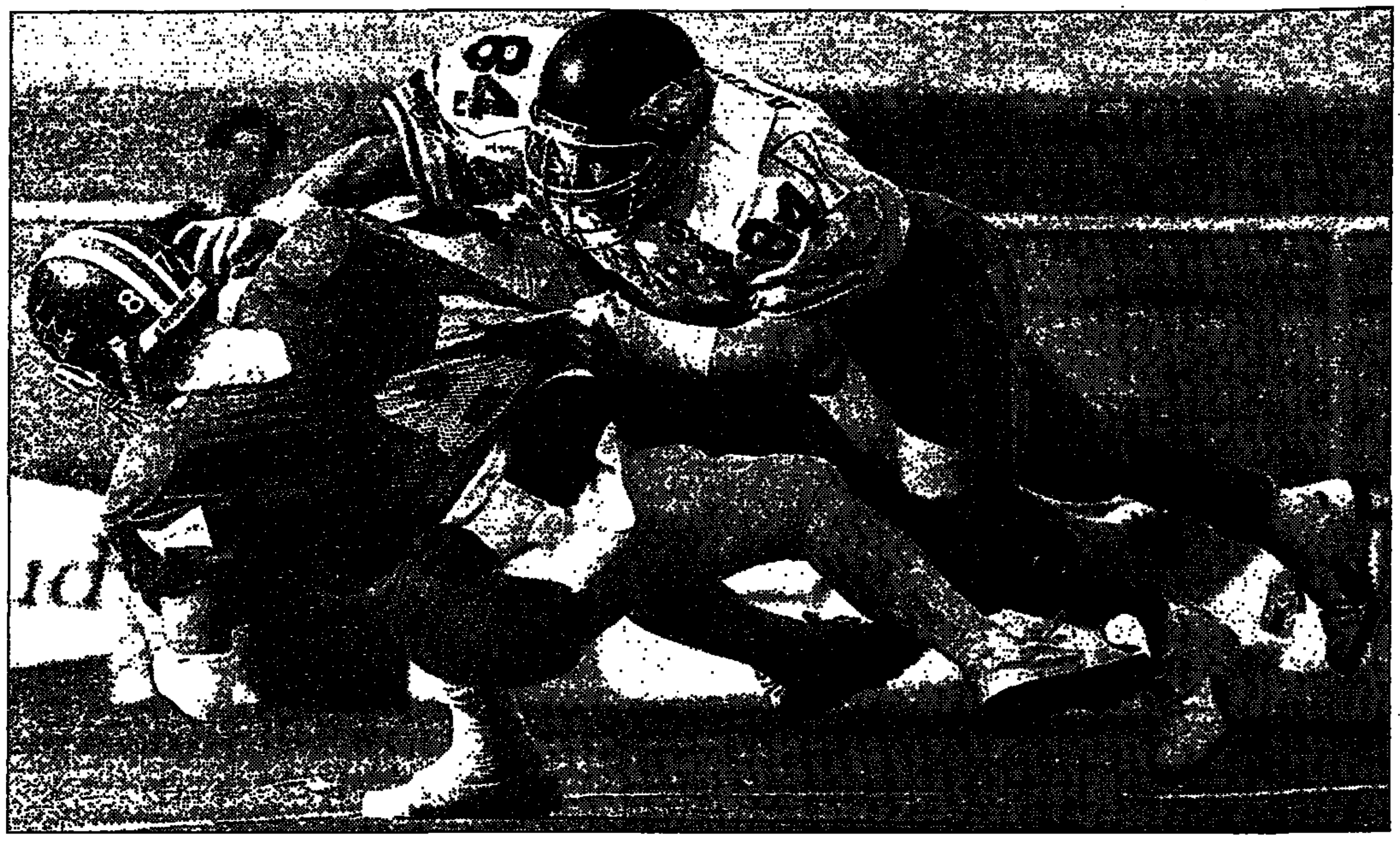


Down to earth: Bob Brouillard, right, of the London Ravens brings a run by Carl Fletcher of the visiting Manchester All Stars to an abrupt halt

American football makes a play for Europe

By John Goodbody, sports news correspondent

AMERICAN football, Real Man's Rugby or Rugby in Fancy Dress, depending on your point of view, is charging into Europe. The World League of American Football, America's attempt to take its leading game beyond the United States kicks off in Germany today, when Frankfurt Galaxy tackle the visiting London Monarchs.

Glitz and hype — evident even in the teams' names — are, inevitably, part of the package. The Monarchs' games at Wembley will have cheerleaders, a 160-piece marching band from Ohio, a gospel choir and a pop star to sing the national anthems.

Most of the players in today's game are American, but the league's organisers are hoping for a steady growth of home-produced talent to compete with the high-speed, 20-stone human battering rams developed across the Atlantic. Already European role models are emerging. Ellery Hanley, an outstanding rugby league player, signed for the Monarchs amid loud protests from fans and some officials. Phil Alexander, a former Norwich City footballer, went the same way. Frank Emmelmann, a former European sprint champion, plays for Frankfurt Galaxy. But success for the league is by no means guaranteed, in spite of big financial support. Although played with violent expertise in only one country in the world, American football is a highly developed game. The average size, strength and speed of the professional American player, many of whom were top athletes, will become commonplace in international rugby union only in the middle of the next century.

Although it is termed a world league — it was called the World American Football League until it was realised that the initials WAFL were unflattering — only three of the ten competing cities are outside North America. These are London, Frankfurt and Barcelona, and almost all their players are American.

European audiences, however, have seemed quite content watching Americans in the past. When the Super Bowl, the American equivalent of the FA Cup final, has been replayed at Wembley in the last five years, it has always attracted more than 60,000 people. TV audiences on Channel 4 for American games average 1.5 million.

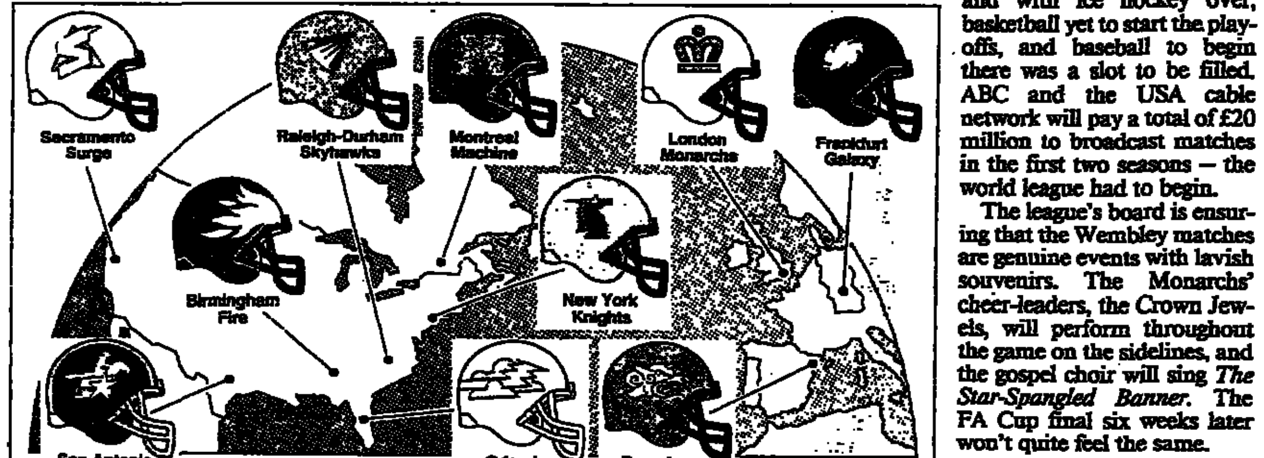
Whether crowds and audiences in Europe will be as interested in this league is a different matter. The players are not well known, nor as talented as the top professionals with the National Football League. The world league, which will have its final on June 9, also starts during a recession and with many American servicemen who are stationed in Europe still on duty in the Gulf.

"If you picked a year to start a new international league since the second world war, you could not have picked a worse one than this," says Mike Lynn, the world league's president. About 30,000 people are expected in Frankfurt while the Monarchs hope for 40,000 for its opening game against the New York Knights. So far 15,000 tickets have been sold.

Such a risky experiment has been financially supported by 26 of the 28 NFL clubs because the NFL wanted to stop a rival league from starting and because it thinks it has almost exhausted growth in the US. In particular there is the demand from television for a spring league.

Professional American sport is ruled by television, and with ice hockey over, basketball yet to start the play-offs, and baseball to begin there was a slot to be filled. ABC and the USA cable network will pay a total of £20 million to broadcast matches in the first two seasons — the world league had to begin.

The league's board is ensuring that the Wembley matches are genuine events with lavish souvenirs. The Monarchs' cheer-leaders, the Crown Jewels, will perform throughout the game on the sidelines, and the gospel choir will sing *The Star-Spangled Banner*. The FA Cup final six weeks later won't quite feel the same.



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Wary agents raise only half a cheer

The half-point loan rate cut yesterday should give the property market a seasonal lift, Christopher Warman writes

THERE is a spring in the step of estate agents for the first time in many months, although they know the start of a revival will be delayed. An optimistic breed by nature, they have suffered badly from the housing market slump of the past two years and are now more cautious.

The young person's fancy turns in spring to thoughts of moving house and, with interest rate cuts of 1.5 percentage points since February and inflation slowing, the agents are ready to do business. The recession has, however, brought a new sense of realism to the housing market, and there is no feeling yet that a new boom is imminent. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, made clear in his Budget speech that he hopes "when recovery comes it is not accompanied by another bout of house price inflation".

In the West Country, the sap is rising. Neill McClintock of the agents Gribble Booth & Taylor, said yesterday. "Although the trend is not yet 100 per cent, the majority of our offices in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset have in the last three weeks experienced a considerable lift-off in enquiries for country property."

On a national level, Hugh Dunsmore-Hardy, president of the National Association of Estate Agents, took a realistic view. "Of course we welcome the news that interest rates are on the way down, making borrowing more attractive, but this has to counter the 2.5 per cent increase on value-added tax that will make the cost of moving more expensive. It is nevertheless another positive step towards the regeneration of the housing market."

He said that around the country there were clear signs that the market was picking up, not in prices but in activity. "We now have a normal market, with prices adjusted after two years of slump. People can buy and sell if they accept realistic prices."

Mr Dunsmore-Hardy suggested that the recession had left the profession leaner. "Some agents have gone out of business, but the best have survived, and this is an indirect benefit from the slump."

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Hatton's plea of innocence

DEREK Hatton, the former deputy leader of Liverpool city council, said yesterday that he was "absolutely and totally not guilty" of allegations of fraud and corruption being investigated by police.

Mr Hatton, 42, a former Militant member, is due at Merseyside fraud squad's headquarters in Bootle, Liverpool, on Monday. He told an interviewer on Liverpool City Talk radio station yesterday that he expected charges to be made against him. "They have spent a million pounds on this enquiry and they have got to be seen to doing something about it," he said. "I would be very surprised if charges are not levied."

He added: "I am absolutely and totally not guilty. I will show that I am not guilty. I will prove it."

Mr Hatton was arrested with 22 others last October after a series of newspaper stories about his alleged links with illegal council land deals.

Mr Hatton said yesterday that he was "found guilty before charged" by the press and was denied a full opportunity to answer the allegations. He also blamed publicity surrounding his arrest for the collapse of his public relations firm, Settleside, and for putting extra strain his family.

Victoria's bountiful legacy nurtures breast-is-best lobby

By Thomson Prentice, medical correspondent

THE royal family tree might have fewer branches today had Queen Victoria been better advised about natural methods of contraception, according to researchers.

Victoria had nine children in her 21 years of marriage, and found childbearing, in her own words, "a hard task". The frequency of the ordeal would have been reduced if she had breastfed her babies, rather than handing them over immediately to a wet-nurse, an editorial in today's issue of *The Lancet* says.

The journal, which entered the world in 1823, four years after Victoria herself, records that in 1841 she wrote to her uncle, King Leopold: "You cannot really wish me to be the '*mamma d'une nombreuse famille*' ... men never think, at least seldom think, what a hard task it is for us women to go through this very often."

At the time of writing, Victoria was aged 22 and had had her first two babies within two years of marrying Price Albert. "What she failed to grasp was that, by putting every one of her babies to a wet-nurse the day it was born, she was destroying the role of breastfeeding in the spacing of pregnancies," the journal says.

The Lancet dared to criticise the queen's practice at the time. In 1840, a correspondent commented in the journal that "a mother, if physically capable, whether regal or otherwise, ought to supply nature's food to her own offspring".

This week's editorial is prompted by a report in the same issue from researchers in Melbourne, capital of the Australian state named after her. Their studies show that a mother who breastfeeds throughout the first six months of her baby's life runs only a 2 per cent risk of becoming pregnant during that time — a protection rate comparable with the contraceptive pill — provided her menstrual periods have not returned.

The contraceptive effects of breastfeeding were not fully accepted in Victoria's day, and are still controversial. Although frequent suckling causes changes in hormone levels that prevent ovulation, the effects are regarded as too unreliable to be advocated widely as a method of family planning.

Victoria's first child, Princess Victoria, married Frederic of Germany, and become the mother of Kaiser Wilhelm II. The queen's second child, Prince Albert, born in 1841, became King Edward VII, great-grandfather of the present queen.

The Duke of Edinburgh is a grandson of Princess Alice, Victoria's third child, born in 1843. The fourth child, Prince Alfred, born in 1844, married Grand Duchess Marie Alexandrovna of Russia.

The fifth, Princess Helena, born in 1846, went on to marry Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Augustenburg. Victoria's sixth child, Princess Louise, born in 1848, had no children.

The seventh, Prince Arthur, born in 1850, married Princess Louisa of Prussia. The queen's eighth child, Prince Leopold, born in 1853, married Princess Helena of Waldeck. The ninth and last child, Princess Beatrice, born in 1857, became the grandmother of Juan Carlos I, the present King of Spain.

Fresh inquest on death of fishermen

A NEW coroner's inquest into the deaths of three fishermen who died in the Irish Sea in 1988 was ordered by the High Court yesterday after new evidence that a submarine might have been involved in the sinking of their ship (Michael Horsnell writes).

The 28ft Inspire was sunk by a freak wave in calm waters off Fishguard. An inquest presided over by Paul Brunton, the coroner, at Lampeter in July 1989 recorded verdicts of death by misadventure on the three men, David Webster, aged 42, Terry Jones, aged 29, and Ronald Laughern, aged 65.

However, a campaign was launched by Mr Webster's widow, Wendy, and Sam Skinner, the Inspire's only survivor who was rescued after clinging to a buoy for 12 hours. They say that a submarine was at fault.

Ordering the new inquest, Lord Justice Taylor said Mrs Webster and Mr Skinner had mounted a legal challenge criticising the conduct of the original hearing and that new evidence, suggesting a submarine may have been involved, had come to light. Lord Justice Taylor said it had been agreed by all parties, including Mr Brunton, that the new inquest should be held. It will take place before a different coroner at Haverfordwest, near Fishguard.

The Inspire incident was one of a number over the past eight years in which submarines have been suspected or admitted to have been involved.

Pay frozen at hotels

The 25,000 staff employed by Trusthouse Forte in 250 hotels have been told that pay rises they were due to receive next month have been frozen for six months because of a big downturn in business (Tim Jones writes).

The company has been severely hit by the recession and the Gulf war "fear factor", which caused thousands of foreign tourists to cancel holidays because of possible bomb attacks by Iraqi sympathisers. While January and February are normally slack months, occupany rates in some hotels have been reduced to 45 per cent. A company spokesman said the chairman, chief executive and other main board members had also foregone pay rises.

Ellis review

The Crown Prosecution Service is to seek a judicial review over a court decision to alter charges facing Desmond Ellis, an IRA suspect extradited from Ireland. The High Court review was welcomed in Irish government circles. Dublin protested last month about the substitution of new charges against Mr Ellis, aged 38, in connection with alleged explosives offences in Britain in the early 1980s.

Europe support

A survey of a sample of MPs shows stronger support for European political union in the Labour party than among Conservatives. The results, published by the Bruges Group, showed three of the 58 Tories questioned strongly in favour, 11 in favour, 26 against and 30 strongly against. Labour had three out of 35 strongly in favour, 14 in favour, ten against and four strongly against union.

Church and City

The Bishop of Oxford yesterday called for change in the world economic order to ensure the needs of the most needy are met, and said it could be as Christian to be a banker as to be a bishop. In a sermon to the Guilds of the City at their annual united service in St Paul's Cathedral, the Rt Rev Richard Harries called for the City to bring integrity to financial and political systems worldwide.

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IRA condemned for 'obscene' attack on civilian widow

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

POLITICIANS, the police, and church leaders strongly criticised the IRA yesterday after a rare attack by one of its units on a woman civilian in Londonderry on Thursday night.

Clive McCoomb, divisional commander of the RUC in Londonderry, described it as a "vicious and cowardly attack by the IRA on a totally defenceless widow". Pat Devine, leader of the SDLP group on Londonderry city council, said that it was "an obscenity and a blasphemy against the honourable objective of a united Ireland".

It emerged yesterday that a second woman, passing the scene of the attack with her daughter, aged four, had a narrow escape, suffering only a grazed leg when a bullet passed through her handbag then tore her dress.

The attack took place just after 6pm as Margaret Cooke, a civilian clerk working for the RUC, drove her black sports car out of the heavily fortified Strand Road police station in the centre of Londonderry. Across the road, apparently waiting for her, an IRA unit was holding the staff and customers of the Strand Bar at gunpoint. They are believed to have fired more than 40 shots at Mrs Cooke's car, which had stopped at a junction outside the bar, before making their getaway in a hijacked taxi.

Mrs Cooke, a mother of three teenage children whose husband Tom, a sergeant in the RUC, was shot dead by the IRA in 1987, was in a serious but stable condition in hospital last night with gunshot wounds to her legs and shoulders.

Police in Londonderry said that the IRA had deliberately attacked Mrs Cooke and that those who tried to kill her must have clearly seen that she was a woman. The attack happened in daylight and the gunmen are thought to have opened fire at a range of no more than 15 yards.

In its statement of responsibility the IRA appears to have made no reference to the fact that its victim was a woman, but simply restated its warning that it would continue to attack civilians working for the security forces. It is unusual for paramilitaries in Northern Ireland to attack women. Women have died in bombings and in crossfire and, on the Republican side, women routinely take part in para-military activity, particularly intelligence gathering and the planting of bombs. That they have rarely been picked out as targets is partly a measure of the strong criticism such incidents provoke.

In 1976 the IRA killed a policewoman and shot and badly wounded another in 1982. They also shot a woman member of the Ulster Defence Regiment in the late 1970s and killed a woman in September 1985 whom they accused of operating as an army agent inside their own ranks.

Sinn Fein the IRA's political wing, refused to condemn the shooting.

Family in mourning: Margaret Cooke and her three sons at the funeral in 1987 of her husband, Tom, an RUC sergeant who was murdered by the IRA

Father cleared in bike death case

By PETER VICTOR

A FATHER was cleared yesterday of manslaughter in a case involving his son, aged ten, who killed a cyclist aged 11 while riding his motor cycle. The prosecution claimed that the father had been grossly negligent in the supervision of his son at the time of the crash.

A guilty verdict would have set a legal precedent as it would have been the first time a father had been held responsible for an alleged manslaughter by his child. The jury at Chelmsford crown court, Essex, took four hours yesterday to return a verdict of not guilty.

Earlier,the court had been told that the man, who cannot be named, was in Victoria Park, Laindon, Essex, with his two sons in October 1989. The boys were practising on their scrambling motor bikes over 15ft-high mounds when one of them collided with Gary McCann, aged 11, who was on a BMX bicycle. Gary died three days later from head injuries.

Nine months before the accident police had warned the father that the area was not suitable for motor bikes. The father, who denied manslaughter, said that his son used the 80cc machine carefully and had ridden it in three competitive race meetings.

He told the court that he controlled his son over long distances by making signs. When he saw the collision coming he screamed a warning but was too late. He had discussed the accident later with police, but had not known he was to be charged until he read it in a newspaper nine months later.

Anthony Arlidge, QC, counsel for the defence, said in his closing speech that it was not a park with a fence or gates shut at nights. The area around the mounds had been used by motor bikes for 20 years, and people who used the park knew that. "If the danger was so obvious and serious, why did the local authority do nothing to prevent it? There were no notices, no warnings."

Mr Arlidge said the accident had had sad and tragic consequences that would remain on the father's conscience for ever. The father was "an ordinary, decent man who, maybe, made a mistake that day. But it is not a mistake that makes him guilty of a criminal offence."

Export ban extended on cabinet

THE government yesterday extended the export ban on the Badminton cabinet in a triumph for the heritage lobby (Sarah Jane Checkland writes). Fund raisers have a further two months in which to close the shortfall between the £2.5 million raised, and the £8.6 million bid by Barbara Seward Johnson, the Johnson & Johnson baby product heiress, at Christie's last summer.

The decision follows pressure by Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the National Art-Collections Fund, who wrote to the prime minister last week, and the disclosure in yesterday's *Times* that Mrs Johnson had expressed support for the campaign and was happy for the ban to be extended.

The news is disappointing for Christie's, whose chairman Charles Allsopp has been campaigning for an immediate export licence, and the Duke of Beaufort, who offered the cabinet for sale.

Sir Nicholas applauded the decision and said: "Now we just have to slog on and go to people who are likely to be sympathetic."

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

Norma's view of the PM

❛What had she thought about him that first time? "Well what can one say? He seemed quite a nice chap, bit pushy, bit bossy, inclined to throw his weight around a bit — in the nicest possible way. I

just thought he was nice and rather good company. I was also rather impressed that he was on the council. Also councillors got invited to quite nice things."❜

Edward Pearce profiles Norma Major, wife of the prime minister, tomorrow, in The Sunday Times

Irish battle to push British aristocrats off Dublin quays

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE old quays of Dublin, many of them named after obscure 17th century Anglo-Irish aristocrats, could soon bear the more familiar titles of Ireland's great modern writers.

Gay Mitchell, an alderman on Dublin City Council, and member of parliament for Fine Gael, believes the quays on the Liffey, most of which date from the 1600s, should carry names evocative of the city. Councillor Mitchell is trying to persuade the council that Dublin has been dominated for too long by Anglo-Irish and Victorian street names harking back to British rule in Ireland, and that it would be appropriate in the city's European community year of culture to rename the quays in celebration of the nation's great writers.

"I have no difficulty with the names being British," he said, "but I think we have an opportunity to identify some of our literary people with something that is specifically Dublin. Everywhere you go in this place streets and squares are named after Victorian this or that, so this is an opportunity to celebrate something which is particularly Dublin."

If a motion before the city corporation last night eventually finds full approval, familiar but according to Councillor Mitchell, virtually meaningless names, like Ormond Quay, Wellington Quay, Eden Quay, Sir John Rogerson Quay, and Essex Quay could soon be replaced by Beckett, Behan, Yeats, Joyce, and O'Casey.

While Councillor Mitchell is confident that his proposal will attract wide support both among his fellow councillors and ordinary Dubliners, a spokesman for the corporation disagreed.

"We in Dublin would see the quay names as part of the heritage of the city and we wouldn't be hair-splitting about whether they were British, Anglo-Irish or whatever," Noel Carroll said. He said that those Dubliners who knew their history might well argue that the Duke of Ormonde, for example, (James Butler, first Duke of Ormonde, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland 1643-1649) did as much or more for Dublin as, say, the playwright Sean O'Casey.

In the case of Wellington Quay, named after Arthur Wellesley, the first Duke of Wellington, who defeated Napoleon at Waterloo, many forget, Mr Carroll explained, that the general was an Irishman and that he was born in Merrion Street in 1769, just across the road from the offices of Charles Haughey, the prime minister.

Mr Carroll believes Dubliners will hang on to their heritage. He noted that previous proposals to change street names, once in honour of a visit by President John F Kennedy, had failed. New developments presented ample opportunities to remember modern figures. One street was already named after Mr O'Casey.

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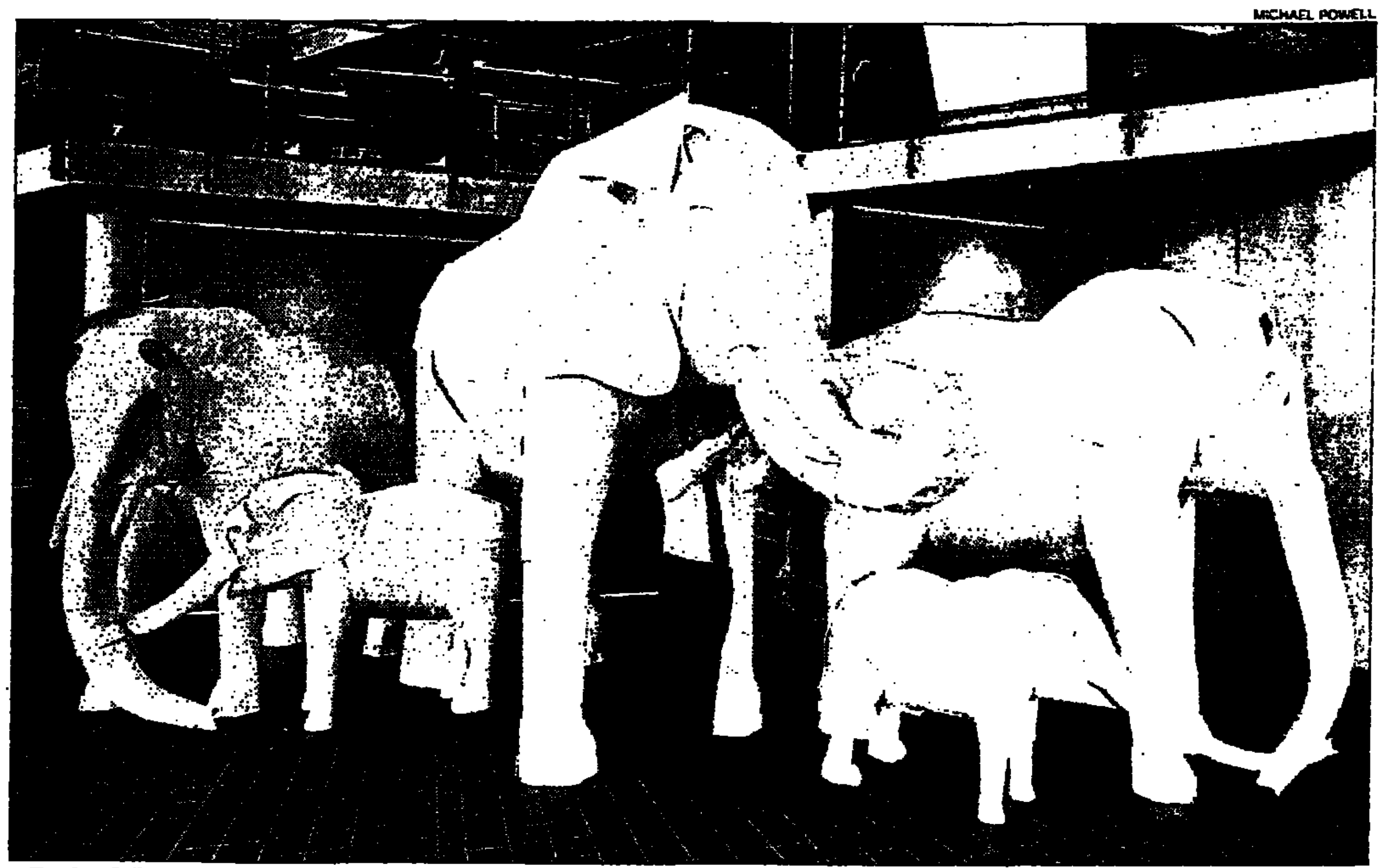
MICHAEL POWELL



Trunk call: David Price, marketing assistant at the Atlantis Art Warehouse in Bow, east London, inspects a family of paper African elephants made from recycled paper by the artist David Swinton.

Jumbo, his wife, and their offspring will be moved on to Windsor Safari Park on May 1 as a reminder that African elephants continue to be slaughtered at the rate of 300 a day in spite of an international ban on ivory (Michael Horsnell writes).

Made from cotton-based paper and secured to a pine plywood frame, the animals are on exhibition as the *White Elephant Show* at the warehouse until April 6. Mr Swinton, aged 43, from Farnham, Surrey, who also works in bronze and wood, said yesterday: "None of the material will deplete the rainforest, so it's a green project.

"Paper is not a common material but it's quite effective to work with. I just want to do what I can to help save the elephant from extinction," Mr Swinton said. The life-sized elephant family, which took him six weeks to make, was a natural progression from the £2.99 elephant masks he fashions out of recycled paper for children, the profits from which he donates to the World Wide Fund for Nature.

In paper sculpture, introduced to Britain by Polish immigrants at the turn of the century, the paper is bent, scored, folded, cut and curled into a hollow form.

Family says transfusion not certain to save woman's life

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE family of the Jehovah's Witness who died after refusing transfusion within hours of giving birth to twins said the doctor attending her had insisted that a blood transfusion could not be guaranteed to save her life.

Nicola Geleff, aged 35, decided because of her religious beliefs to refuse a transfusion after she haemorrhaged during the birth at the Royal Devon and Exeter hospital in Exeter. Her death came as Jehovah's Witnesses were taking steps to help prevent further tragedies and to improve relationships between their movement and the medical profession.

Mr Paul Stevenson, an elder in Teignmouth near Exeter, the neighbouring congregation to Mrs Geleff's, said she was brought out of a coma to make sure she did not want the transfusion. He said: "The patient made an irrevocable decision not to have a blood transfusion. In this case she was restored to consciousness so doctors could check again." He said Mrs Geleff had been a recent convert and had been planning to be baptised this autumn.

In British law, doctors cannot force an adult patient to accept life-saving treatment against their wishes. Some doctors find this so distressing that they can refuse to continue treating such patients.

Jehovah's Witnesses are forming medical liaison committees. One aim will be to compile lists of doctors who are prepared to use non-blood fluids as alternatives. The British Medical Association welcomed the development.

In a statement issued through the hospital, Mrs Geleff's family praised the doctors and said: "It is a regrettable fact that each year a small number of mothers die as a consequence of haemorrhage at childbirth, whether they receive a blood transfusion or not. The doctor attending the case was very definite in his opinion that a blood transfusion could not guarantee to save Nicola's life.

"The family appreciated the skill and co-operation of the doctors in trying all means at their disposal to control the situation but regrettably their full efforts were not successful." They added that they were grateful that she was allowed to exercise her freedom of choice in deciding what treatement she should undergo.

Dr Natalie-Jane Macdonald, secretary of the BMA's medical ethics committee, said: "These cases are always very distressing and difficult for the doctors and everybody concerned. But the position in this country is that if a person is an adult and they decide that they do not want a particular treatment, despite the doctor and others explaining the risks, then the doctor cannot go ahead."

Artificial blood might ease religious dilemma

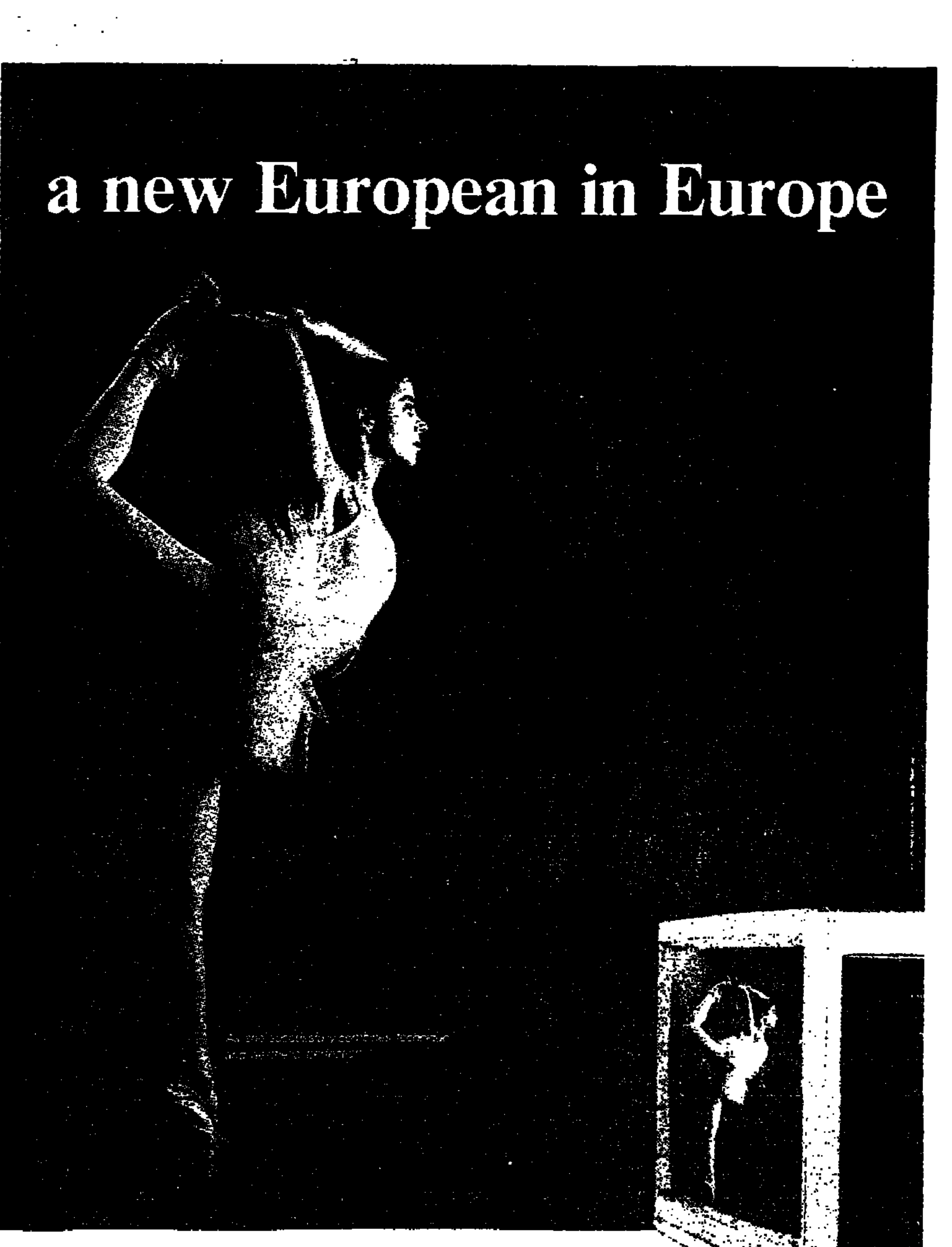
ARTIFICIAL blood may be widely available in the next few years to ease dilemmas for doctors and patients when transfusions are unacceptable on religious grounds, a specialist said yesterday (Thomson Prentice writes).

Patients can refuse a blood transfusion, preventing doctors from acting, because to do so would be unethical and might be held to be assault.

Synthetic blood might be widely available in the next five years, according to David Denison, professor of clinical physiology at the Royal Brompton Hospital, London. Artificial substitutes are used in a few treatments, but none is yet suitable to replace blood transfusions, he said.

One product, developed in Japan, was used in Britain for the first time at Bristol Royal Infirmary in January, on a heart patient. The compound, an emulsion called Fluosol, based on a fluorocarbon, is more fluid than blood and carries more oxygen.

A synthetic substance developed in Britain and said to be identical to haemoglobin, the oxygen-carrying pigment found in red blood cells, has not yet been tested clinically.



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Police prepare to prevent repetition of poll tax riot

By Bill Frost

ALMOST 5,000 police will be on duty for today's anti-poll tax march through central London to a rally in Hyde Park. Officers on horseback and in riot gear will be on stand-by, ready to quell any violence that erupts during the demonstration, which the organisers say is no longer a protest but a victory celebration. The police operation is expected to cost about £700,000.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Tony Speed, of the Metropolitan Police, said yesterday that he was confident that there would be no repetition of the damage and looting that accompanied last year's protest against the poll tax. He added: "It's anybody's guess how many people turn up. It could be 58,000, if last year is anything to go by, or between 6,000 and 7,000."

He said that police tactics would be aimed at preventing the escalation of any violence. "Our strategy for dealing with disorder is to isolate and contain the elements responsible, thereby enabling the 95 per cent of peaceful demonstrators to proceed to Hyde Park for the rally. I hope we get a peaceful day, for the sake of all those concerned."

Among those still sought by police after last year's riot is Nicholas Jeffries, an escaped convict aged 29. Officers will be on the look-out for him at today's march. Jeffries was photographed at the centre of the violence. Some of the pictures show him ramming a riot barrier at the rear windows of a police van. Others show him smashing the window of a British Transport Police car and hurling objects at the driver.

A close watch will also be kept for members of various anarchist and extreme left-wing groups whose banners were seen close to some of the worst violence and looting. It is thought that a hard core of about 1,500 people transformed the march into a riot.

At the Central Criminal Court a fortnight ago, a judge jailed Paul Jacob for four years, the heaviest sentence imposed so far on a demonstrator, police said. The court was told that Jacob, aged 25, of Reading, had admitted violent disorder and handling five knives and binoculars looted from a camping store. Television pictures showed him waving a stick in the midst of a group hurling bricks and other missiles at unprotected police.

The demonstration, organised by the All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation on March 31 last year, began in a noisy but peaceful fashion. The violence came as marchers reached the junction of Whitehall and Downing Street, although there had been sporadic incidents earlier.

Nearly 550 police officers were injured, and looters attacked West End shops. More than 400 people were arrested on the day and a further 137 in a follow-up investigation. Almost 2,000 crimes were reported. Damage to property was said to have cost about £3 million to repair.

Charges against those arrested included violent disorder, arson, assault, criminal damage, and theft. Police admitted this month that they had lost control during the riot. An internal enquiry concluded that there had been breakdowns in communication and a failure to anticipate the scale of the violence.

During their enquiries officers took 5,000 statements, collected 1,700 exhibits and recovered two fire bombs. A police spokesman said that the devices were "of the type used by urban guerrillas all over the world".

In the frame: a press picture of Lorraine Vivian in the Trafalgar Square riot that helped put her in jail

Girl filmed hitting officer is jailed

Lorraine Vivian, a poll tax protester involved in last year's Trafalgar Square riot, was jailed for 12 months yesterday after her mother had identified her to police.

Vivian's mother, Janet Kelly, and her prison officer stepfather, James Kelly, broke down in tears at Southwark crown court as sentence was passed. Vivian, aged 22, dubbed "Britain's most wanted poll tax rioter" for her attack on a policeman at the riot, bowed her head in tears and whispered "Mum" as she was led from the dock.

Mrs Kelly, aged 43, identified Vivian to police after pictures of her attacking a policeman were published in national newspapers. Vivian, of East Ham, east London, was caught on video and in press and police photographs using a scaffolding pole to strike a policeman. The officer fended off the attack with a riot shield, but was later hit in the face with a brick.

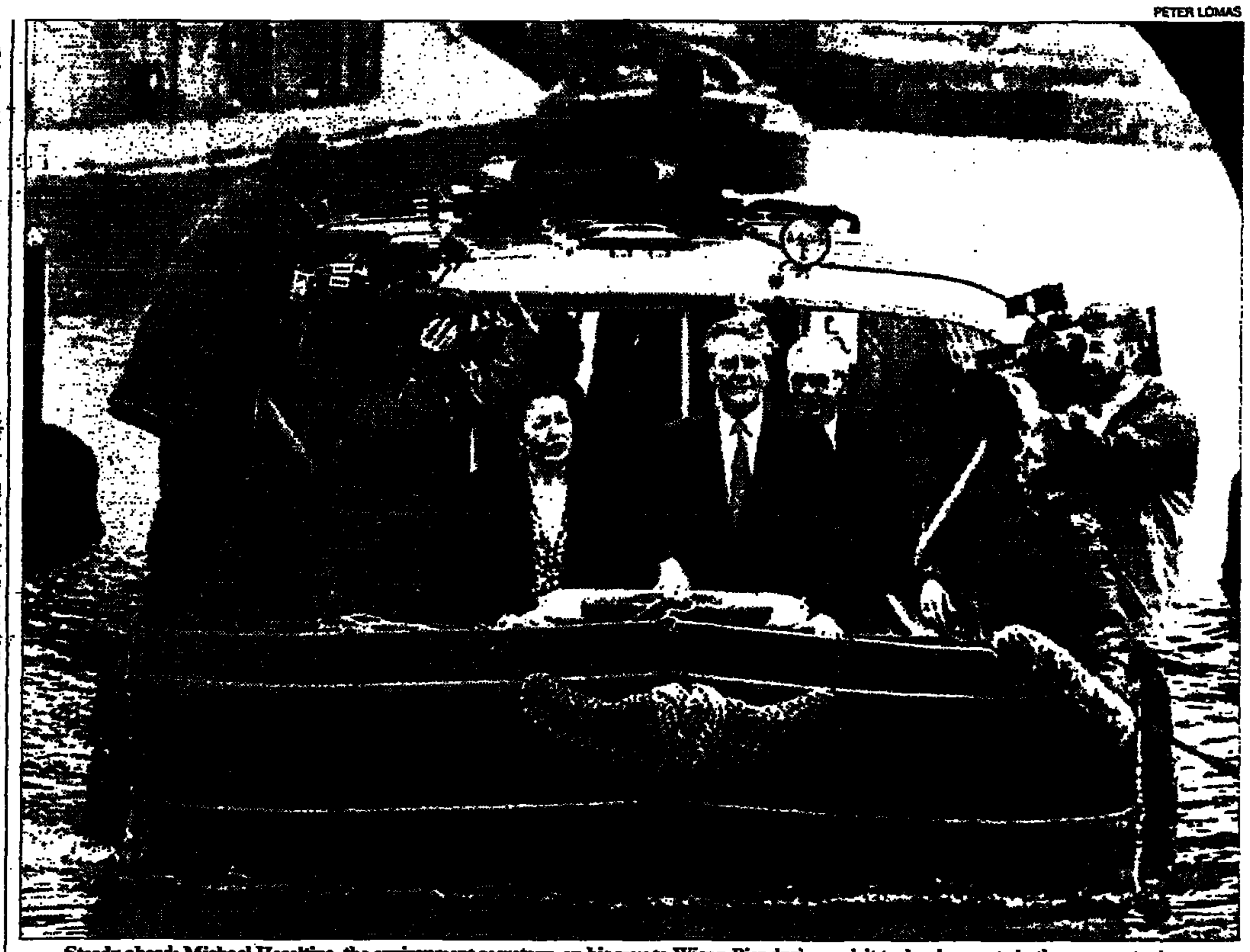
A picture of Vivian, wearing cut-off jeans, lace-up boots and a T-shirt with braces and with a scarf around her face, was published in newspapers in what police described as a hunt for "Britain's most wanted poll tax rioter". After being tipped off, a dozen officers raided a Southwark squat and arrested Vivian for violent disorder, which she admitted in court. When she was arrested, police found press cuttings featuring her, and 12 pages of notes describing the riot.

Yesterday, the court heard of Vivian's "exemplary" life as a social worker. However, Judge Butler, QC, told her that she had "taken part in what can only be described as large-scale violent disorder of a most serious kind".

The judge said: "I have no doubt you have shown genuine remorse for what you did and I accept that what you did was wholly out of character. You have an exemplary record, but this offence is of such gravity that it can only be dealt with in one way and that is by way of an immediate sentence of imprisonment."

Vivian, wearing a white blouse and a black skirt, appeared shocked at her sentence. Earlier, Adrian Fulford, for Vivian, said that it was a tribute to her that her relations with her mother had not been affected. He said that Mrs Kelly, of Shalfleet, Isle of Wight, had told police: "The aggressive pose struck by this person was totally unlike anything I have ever seen Lorraine do." Mrs Kelly had said that informing on her daughter was "a dreadful decision to have to make".

Mr Fulford said: "Certain far-left groups have tried to exploit those photographs taken of her, but Vivian has done what she could to stop them misusing them."



PETER LOMAS

Steady ahead: Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, on his way to Wigan Pier during a visit to developments in the area yesterday

Conservative Central Council at Southport

Patten stokes election fire but gives no date

By Robin Oakley, political editor

CHRIS Patten, the Conservative party chairman, promised yesterday that the party would fight and win the next election on the economy. He gave few clues to the timing of the election and spent much of his speech defending the prime minister against a series of Labour attacks on dithering at number ten.

Addressing party activists at the Conservative Central Council conference in Southport, Merseyside, Mr Patten stoked the election atmosphere with jibes at Labour. Neil Kinnock, he said, could not go two rounds with a revolving door, and Roy Hattersley was a has-been in a hurry. As for Labour's "supply-side socialism", the rules were simple: "You give them your money and they'll supply the socialism."

Mr Patten emphasised that inflation was set to "fall like a stone" over the next 12 months and added that while millions would see their mortgage bills cut in the coming weeks and months, "there will be better news to come during the rest of the year". The pace of manifesto-making has increased; Central Office is becoming noticeably tighter-knit and more war-like. However Mr Patten's speech was that of a party chairman clearly keeping open all options on election timing.

The effort he put into sustaining the prime minister was noticeable. The Conservatives have been worried by Labour attacks on John Major as an indecisive figure failing to control events. Mr Patten pointed out that there had been just 19 days between the end of the Gulf war and the Budget, which had encapsulated firm government action on local government and the economy.

Praising Mr Major as a "calm, authoritative and sensible" man being subjected to a campaign of cheap personal attacks, Mr Patten said: "People of all political persuasions have enormously appreciated the way he has conducted himself."

Mr Patten referred to Mr Major's tough job in following "one of the greatest prime ministers of the century", but he never referred to Margaret Thatcher by name. And he signalled the new direction ahead when he urged the Tory activists that, having won the economic arguments in the 1980s, they should go ahead in the 1990s to win the social policy arguments too.

Promising no hidden agenda for privatising education and the health service, Mr Patten said the Tories would present distinctive plans for improving the quality of public services but only with extra money that the economy could afford.

Mr Major will address the council today, setting out what his colleagues call the "building blocks" of the party's agenda for the 1990s. He will concentrate on measures to build people's economic independence of the government through savings and pensions and begin to spell out how the next Conservative government will improve the quality of public services.

King plays the Gulf card on defence

By Nicholas Wood, political correspondent

TOM King, the defence secretary, yesterday played the Gulf card as he heightened speculation of an early election by launching a fierce attack on Labour's defence policies.

He said that had "CND stalwarts" such as Michael Foot and Neil Kinnock been responsible for the nation's defences over the past decade, Britain would not have been able to make its vital military contribution to the liberation of Kuwait. Nor, he suggested, would the world now be witnessing the rolling back of communism, oppression and misery in eastern Europe.

Mr King also accused Martin O'Neill, the opposition defence spokesman, of "lunatic short-term judgments" by implying that because Iraq had been defeated Britain no longer faced threats to its security.

Mr King received a standing ovation for a rousing speech at the council meeting, where he paid tribute to the Gulf troops and rehearsed the arguments that will be deployed in an election campaign. His repeated references to the election left his audience in little doubt that the government is eyeing the option of a June poll with growing interest.

Labour leaders believe that their repudiation of unilateral nuclear disarmament has removed a political millstone from around their necks. But the defence secretary argued that their policy changes were cosmetic. He said that Labour's policy of negotiating away nuclear weapons while allowing other states to retain theirs amounted to "lunacy". He found it unbelievable that sane people could advance such a proposition.

"The idea that a latter-day Saddam Hussein might have nuclear weapons while we have let ours go is not a thought that this country would happily receive," he said. Defence had proved Labour's Achilles heel in the past and would do so again.

Alternative budget shows 'fatal flaws'

By Our Political Editor

TREASURY ministers believe that they have discovered fatal flaws in Labour's costing of its alternative budget proposals that will undermine the party's credibility on the key election issue of the economy.

In Labour's shadow budget, it was suggested that the party would raise large sums for training and for increases in child benefit. Those included a provision of £619 million from ending the cash incentive for people to take out personal pensions.

Mr Mellor, who is to speak at today's council conference, says that the elimination of the 2 per cent rebate for those who opt out of the state earnings-related pension scheme and take up private pensions would yield only £10 million a year.

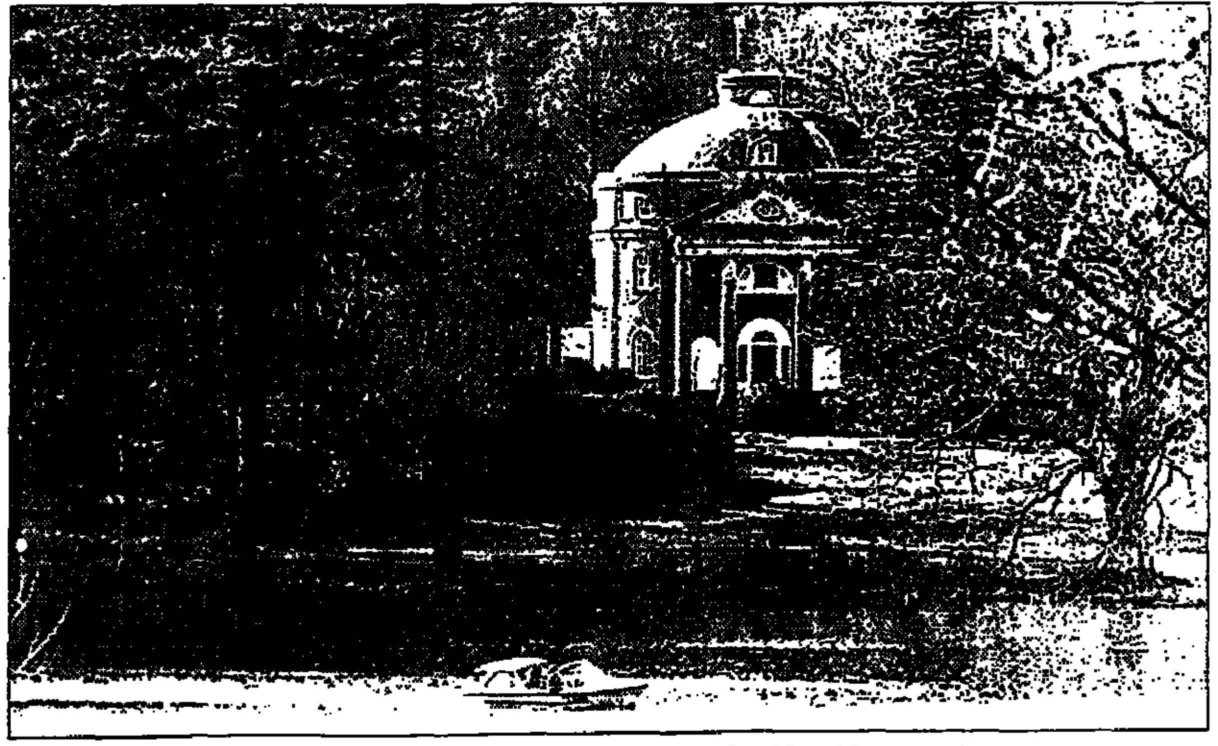
Labour's shadow budget proposed that £1 billion could be found towards the cost of capital allowances and stimulating industrial investment by closing the tax loophole on off-shore investment trusts. But Mr Lamont announced the closing of the loophole in his budget and put the saving, on Inland Revenue figures, at just £100 million.

Also in question is the pledge to uprate child benefit to compensate for its freezing between 1987 and 1990. Mr Mellor says that Labour puts the cost at £775 million. That would be the costing, however, only if no allowance were made for families on income support, who have a quarter of all children. To adjust their income support levels to ensure that they received full advantage of the child benefit increase would require another £225 million.

● Renewed calls were made yesterday for a Welsh assembly. Hugh Thomas, chief executive of Mid-Glamorgan council, said: "We will embrace the idea of unitary authorities in Wales provided that they are allied to a directly elected regional assembly."

Millions paid for island life without a postcode

By Bill Frost



DAVE WILLIS

Ringing the changes: Belle Isle's round house, loved and hated by generations

BELLE Isle on Windermere, one of the brightest jewels in the Lake District's crown, has been sold in a deal thought to involve several million pounds.

The 38-acre island, with its grade 1 listed Georgian round house, has been bought by Harold Lefton, the millionaire chairman of the Swinton Holdings insurance group, and his wife Jane, daughter of the group's chief executive.

Belle Isle, which has been owned by the Curwen family for more than 200 years, has two distinctive features: it has the world's only Georgian round house built on an island; and does not have a postal code. Letters are addressed simply "Belle Isle, Windermere".

The architectural merits of the round house, built by John Plaw in 1774, have not always been recognised. William Wordsworth disliked it, describing it as a pepper pot. Local people took a similar view at the time. The design, however, was not without its supporters. In 1800 an almost exact copy of the house was built on the shores of Lake Geneva.

Local opinion on the round house has softened over the years. What had once been considered an eyesore became a well-loved landmark. In Victorian times Belle Isle attracted thousands of day-trippers. They were shown the round house and told that it stood on the site of an old Roman villa, probably used by the local commander of the legion as a weekend cottage.

Susan Thornely, the last member of the Curwen family to live on Belle Isle, said yesterday that leaving would be a painful experience. "It is a sad day. There was a lot of soul-searching before we decided to sell. It has been wonderful fun living here, but we must look forward." Mrs Thornely said that she hoped the new owners of the island would preserve its individual character. "I am sure they will actually. They came here for a conference and seemed to fall in love with the place at first sight," she added.

Consumer faces a mixed bag of energy price rises

By Ray Clancy

MILLIONS of electricity customers face price rises above inflation from next month as the first tariff changes since privatisation were announced yesterday. British Gas, meanwhile, said it was raising prices for domestic customers by a mere 3.6 per cent, well below the rate of inflation.

Eastern Electricity said costs would rise by an average of 10.9 per cent from April and the other distribution companies are expected to give their new charges soon. However, the department of energy said that the rise was not excessive because it took account of the company underestimating inflation last year. Eastern Electricity prices rose by 9 per cent when inflation was more than that for most of last year.

Eastern Electricity, the first of the 12 distribution companies to announce tariff changes, said the average charge for domestic customers would increase by 10.8 per cent and for industrial and commercial users by 11 per cent. But a company spokesman said that in real terms increases would be 9.9 per cent with the average domestic customer paying about 54 pence a week more.

The new prices have been approved by the Office of Electricity Regulation. They were announced two weeks after John Wakeham, the energy secretary, told chairmen of distribution companies that price increases should not be above inflation.

British Gas's 17 million domestic customers face increases from April 1. Business users, however, should see their bills going down, as British Gas prepares to announce record profits which are expected to be in excess of the pre-tax figure of £1,051 million last year.

A new tariff structure is being introduced by British Gas with four price tiers instead of two. Those using more therms will see cuts. The Gas Consumers Council director, Ian Powe, said: "The ordinary domestic consumer is left facing a third price increase in little over a year. The latest price rise represents around a 7 per cent increase on the March, 1990 tariff for those consumers using less than 5,000 therms a year." James McKinnon, director-general of the industry watchdog, Ofgas, said restructuring would bring some relief to many small businesses.

Judge dismisses MI5 complaints

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

ALL complaints by the public against MI5 last year were dismissed, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, the Security Service commissioner, said in his first annual report since the introduction of new legislation in December 1989.

A "substantial number" of the 55 complaints could have been regarded as "frivolous or vexatious", but all were investigated by a tribunal of lawyers appointed under the 1989 Security Service Act. Twenty-two were referred to Lord Justice Stuart-Smith because they involved allegations that MI5 had "taken action" against their property.

His report says that neither the home secretary nor the Northern Ireland secretary, the ministers responsible for issuing warrants to allow MI5 to enter suspects' premises, had overstepped their powers under the act. He gave no details, however, of circumstances behind the request for warrants. Nor did he record how many warrants were issued last year. He did not believe it in the public's interest to know.

This contrasts with the practice of Lord Justice Lloyd, commissioner for the Interception of Communications Act 1985, responsible for monitoring telephone tapping by MI5 and other agencies. Lord Justice Stuart-Smith said that the number of warrants was "comparatively small".

Details of "the successful operations" carried out by MI5 officers under warrant were included in a confidential appendix supplied to the prime minister but not published. "Publication of these details might prejudice future operations," the report said.

An insight into the way the commissioner carries out his duties was provided by yesterday's report. Lord Justice Stuart-Smith said: "I have made a number of visits to the Security Service and other agencies. I have examined the files relating to a number of warrants and questioned those involved with them … I have also in some cases examined the product obtained by the operation."

He made it clear that he considered the definition of "national security", upon which he based his inquiries, was wider than just the obvious threats from espionage, terrorism and sabotage. It also included the defence of the realm and the government's defence and foreign policies.

Lockerbie enquiry finds that baggage checks for Pan Am flight 103 did not provide reasonable protection

Judge says deaths of 270 could have been avoided

By KERRY GILL

THE terrorist bombing that destroyed Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie killing 270 people more than two years ago could have been avoided had there been more stringent baggage handling procedures at Frankfurt and Heathrow airports, the judge in the fatal accident enquiry into the deaths said yesterday.

The presence of the radio-cassette bomb that blew up the 747 airliner might well have been discovered if the bag in which it was contained had been physically searched beforehand. Sheriff Principal John Mowat, QC, the enquiry judge, said that it would have been a reasonable precaution for Pan Am to have conducted a passenger-baggage reconciliation procedure at Frankfurt that would have first detected an unaccompanied bag.

He said the reliance on only x-ray screening of interline baggage at both airports was a defect that contributed to the deaths of 259 passengers and crew, and 11 people in Lockerbie who died when parts of the aircraft crashed to the ground on December 21, 1988. A similar check at Heathrow when baggage was transferred from the feeder flight to flight 103 could also have prevented the deaths.

Although many of the criticisms levelled at Pan Am during the enquiry had been far too sweeping, Sheriff Mowat said there was evidence that Pan Am's security performance was "far below" what was claimed for its security subsidiary, Alert.

Sheriff Mowat, in his 99-page determination, said: "I think I am justified in holding that a count of the bags on December 21 might have disclosed the presence of an extra bag and caused the Samsonite suitcase (which contained the bomb) to have been identified and searched. A physical reconciliation would probably have identified that suitcase and so prevented a disaster." He said that the primary cause of the deaths was a criminal act of murder.

The transport department's baggage reconciliation policy, he said, gave insufficient protection against the possibility that an undetected, unaccompanied bag would be transferred from the feeder flight to the Pan Am 747, either in the interline system at Heathrow or in the tarmac transfer. He could not rule that the deaths would have been avoided if the department had issued stricter directives, but said that they did not provide reasonable protection. "I consider that fact to be relevant to the circumstances of the deaths," he said.

He did not consider the delay in issuing photographs of a Toshiba radio-cassette bomb, similar to that which blew up the airliner, relevant to the deaths either. Also, on the "Helsinki warning", a claim that a Pan Am jet was to be blown up, Sheriff Mowat said there had been no evidence to suggest it had "any degree of credibility".

In spite of the much-criticised Alert programme, however, Sheriff Mowat said: "I am not prepared to make a finding which might imply that the Alert performance was generally less than adequate or that any shortcomings on the part of their staff were relevant to the circumstances of the deaths." He said that while there was little or no communication between Pan Am and Alert at headquarters level there was an adequate system at airport level.

Sheriff Mowat said that all deaths took place at or about 7.05pm and that, having considered expert evidence, none of the airliner victims was alive when they hit the ground. A claim was made that Pan Am had been granted a waiver allowing the company to use x-ray screening only. Sheriff Mowat said: "I am not prepared to hold that any waiver was granted which would have allowed them to depart from the provisions which required passenger-baggage reconciliation."

Disaster scene: devastation at Lockerbie, where parts of the aircraft came down

The £3 million enquiry was held without a jury. It heard a catalogue of allegations of mistakes and negligence concerning security at Frankfurt airport. Wilfrid "Jumbo" Wood, the former British army officer hired to set up Pan Am's Alert security subsidiary, said that once the programme was established there were no signs that it was being carried out correctly.

The head of Pan Am's security at Frankfurt was said to have been unfit for his job and was dismissed 24 weeks after the bombing. An employee from Alert said that security at Heathrow was totally inadequate at the time and that he was given no real training.

Lord Fraser, the Lord Advocate, said responsibility for the bombing was not in the enquiry's remit and that the criminal investigation was continuing well.

Relatives to consider action on security

JIM Swire, whose daughter Flora was killed in the Lockerbie disaster, said last night that he was happy with Sheriff Mowat's findings, although had yet to study the report in detail (Kerry Gill writes).

Dr Swire, spokesman for the British victims' relatives, said: "I am very pleased that he has made it clear that reasonable precautions might have prevented the deaths. We have now to consider what further action we should take against those who ran security at the time of the disaster and to improve security in the future."

Dr Swire, who questioned witnesses at the enquiry, which ran from October 1 until the middle of last month, said he was delighted that the sheriff had found the allocation of airport security resources to be a political issue. "That is why I cited Mrs Thatcher and Paul Channon [transport secretary at the time of the bombing] to give evidence," Dr Swire said. "I find it sad that they hid behind the Speaker's exemption. This is a point I intend to pursue."

Sheriff Mowat said that the question of whether the transport department was the appropriate body to act as the lead agency in aviation security was political and that he could not comment further.

Robert Riddet; chairman of Lockerbie community council, said that everyone responsible for airline and airport security would have to take the sheriff's lessons on board. "What happened to Pan Am could probably have happened to any airline, but, if there is any proof of negligence, I think those responsible should be rapped," he said. "The people of Lockerbie just hope that some good comes out of the tragedy."

Sir Hector Monro, Conservative MP for Dumfries, said that the sheriff had made clear that reconciliation of passengers with their baggage could have prevented the tragedy. "I hope the department of transport and the airlines have now tightened security," he said.

Court actions will be raised in New York in June by relatives of three crew members seeking damages of several million pounds from Alert, Pan Am's security subsidiary.

No sign of arrests as hunt for bombers continues

By STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

TWENTY-seven months after the Lockerbie disaster, investigations into the biggest murder case in British legal history continue with no sign of imminent arrests. The combined resources of Scottish detectives, FBI agents and German federal investigators may not be enough to find the Middle Eastern terrorists who planted the bomb.

Last year Vincent Cannistrano, the former director of operations and analysis for the CIA's counter-terrorism centre, said in Washington that much of the basic story of the bombing had been uncovered. Those responsible were probably beyond reach and bringing a watertight case in court might not be easy.

A team of 36 officers from three Scottish forces is still at Lockerbie and working with a resident FBI agent. The British investigations have cost £13 million, making the case one of the most expensive ever. The squad has a computer link via setllite to Washington and officers have visited 21 countries during the investigation. Every six weeks a senior officer travels to London to report progress to a senior civil servant in the Cabinet Office.

Mr Cannistrano said that Western intelligence agents believed that the contract for the bombing had been issued by the Iranians, seeking revenge for the accidental destruction of an Iranair Airbus over the Gulf by an American warship in 1988.

The bomb has been linked to others believed to have been made by a group called the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command, headed by Ahmed Jibril and sponsored, until recently, by Syria. There are also suggestions that the bomb, packed into a radiotape recorder inside a Samsonite suitcase, might have been planted on a flight from the Mediterranean by Libyan intelligence officers.

Plans by the front to carry out the bombing were stopped at the last moment, possibly because of a series of arrests in Germany, and at that point the Libyans might have stepped in.

Mr Cannistrano never identified the bombers. Professor Paul Wilkinson, of the Research Foundation for the Study of Terrorism, said: "The truth is probably that there was an unholy alliance."

Jibril: bomb linked to others made by his group

Acid attacker jailed

A psychopath who sprayed acid on 14 women and a girl aged ten was jailed for five years yesterday after a high-security mental hospital refused to accept him.

At the Central Criminal Court, Judge Nina Lowry said that Terence Goodhew, aged 34, of Forest Gate, east London, needed psychiatric treatment. Rampton Hospital refused to take him because he was incurable, and no one was prepared to pay a private hospital's £166-a-day bill. Goodhew had admitted spraying acid on the bottoms of his victims in London last year.

Crash decision

The driver of the train that crashed at Reading in August injuring 41 people will not face criminal charges, it was announced yesterday.

Journey home

The remains of General Wladislaw Sikorski, the wartime Polish leader in exile, are to be moved to Poland from Newark, Nottinghamshire.

Last word

The Wordsworth Trust has won an appeal against refusal of planning permission for an underground lecture theatre at Grassmere, Cumbria.

Murder appeal

Eddie Browning, found guilty of murdering a pregnant woman beside the M50, will have an appeal against his conviction heard on May 17, his family said yesterday.

Aquatic centre

Anglian Water is planning a butterfly and aquatic exhibition centre at Rutland Water in Leicestershire.

Drug case girl

The Thai authorities are to drop an appeal against the "leniency" of the 25-year sentence for heroin trafficking passed in December on Karyn Smith, aged 19, of Solihull, West Midlands.

MP's new job

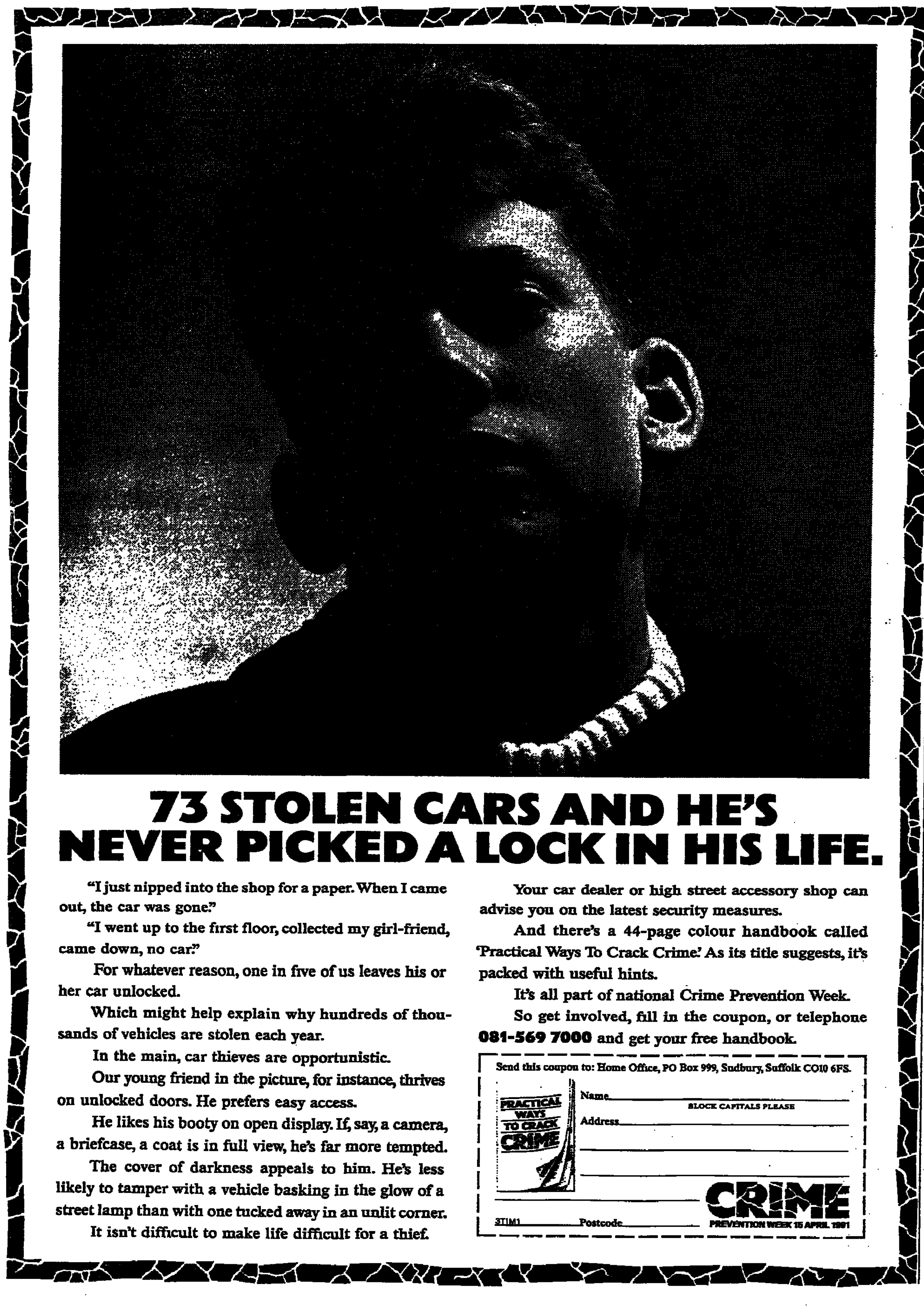
David Tredinnick, Conservative MP for Bosworth since 1987, has been appointed parliamentary private secretary to Sir Wyn Roberts, minister of state for Wales.

Death fall

Molly Chapman, aged 58, fell to her death when the ground in her garden at Bethel, Cornwall, gave way beneath her leaving a hole 5ft deep. Mining subsidence could be the cause, police said yesterday.

Airport alert

An emergency was called at Stansted airport yesterday when an aircraft taking two passengers to Maastricht in The Netherlands suffered an engine failure after take-off. It returned and landed safely.



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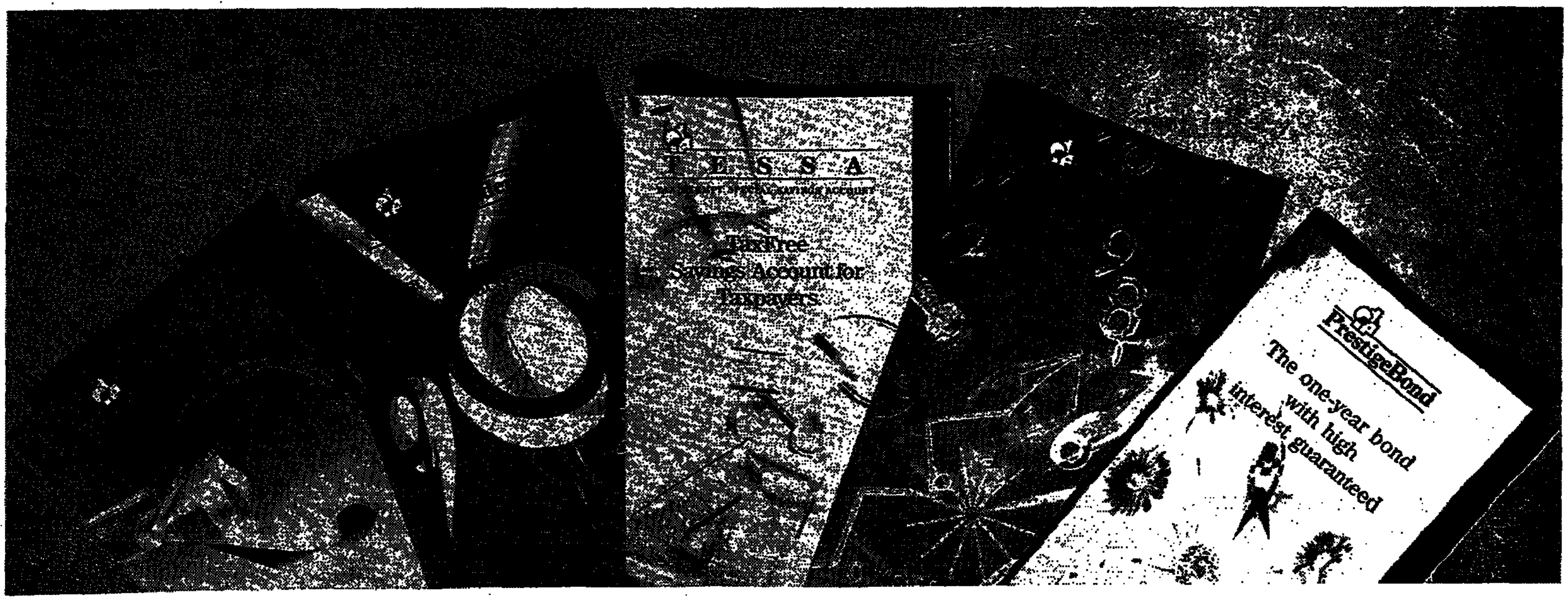
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SYRIA

Damascus targets the drug barons in Bekaa valley

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN DAMASCUS

THE most bizarre casualty of the Gulf war and the new Middle Eastern alliances it spawned has been the lucrative drug trade from Lebanon's Syrian-controlled Bekaa valley, one of the world's main sources of hashish and, more recently, heroin.

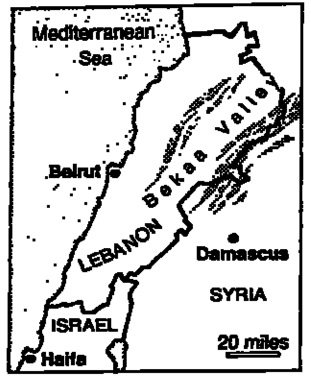
In what diplomats claim is an attempt to further improve ties with America and the chances of President Bush including Damascus in his regional itinerary later this year, Syrian authorities recently launched the biggest action against drugs in the fertile area since the occupation began 15 years ago.

During that period the Baathist regime of President Assad has been accused of ignoring the drug trafficking in the valley, and the US State Department has charged that senior officers from the 40,000-strong Syrian occupation army have been profiting from it.

In the raids, launched on the eve of the arrival last week of James Baker, the American Secretary of State, 80 tons of hashish were confiscated as well as 30lb of opium and 26lb of cocaine with a total street value estimated at £223 million.

The notoriety of the Bekaa as a drug-producing centre has long been a source of concern to Western drug control agencies. In 1989, when the thaw in relations between the United States and Syria began, the State Department approached the Damascus government and asked for co-operation.

The extent of the problem is clearly visible to anyone driving the dangerous roads through Bekaa in eastern Lebanon, where cultivated opium plants present a deceptively picturesque sight. Many towns and villages in the area are known to exist on the drugs trade which has attracted the involvement of many of the militias which have made that part of Lebanon a by-word for lawlessness.



Among the many extremist groups which have training camps in the valley are the Palestinian faction run by Abu Nidal, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, widely blamed for the bombing of a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie in 1988, and the left-wing Japanese Red Army.

Diplomatic sources said that Syria, which hopes to secure the return of the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights under any new Middle East peace agreement, was anxious to remove as many sources of friction with Washington as possible before any fresh American initiative.

Describing the raids, after which the seized drugs were taken to Syria to be burned, Muhammad Harba, the interior minister, claimed that they "came into line with Syria's campaign to combat crime and were not political". He declined to say why his government had waited 15 years to launch such a sizeable anti-drugs campaign.

The Bekaa is a primary source of hashish, producing an estimated 600 to 700 tons a year. Since 1989, Lebanon has also emerged as a leading source of heroin. The extent of American-Syrian co-operation in the new clampdown on the drug barons is being played down in public but is acknowledged by Western and Arab diplomats. A spokesman for the American embassy in Damascus said: "The US is in consultation with Syria on the issue."

Freedom hope: a Kuwaiti woman awaits news of a relative she hopes is among hundreds of Kuwaiti prisoners of war who returned to Kuwait City yesterday. Some of the PoWs are still undergoing identity checks at a military camp near by before being released

KUWAIT

Aid chief condones retaliation

From JAMIE DETTMER IN KUWAIT CITY

IF THERE were any doubts remaining that the position of Palestinians living in Kuwait is likely to worsen and that an ugly sectarianism has affected all levels of Kuwaiti society, they were brought to an end yesterday when the acting head of the Red Crescent society in the emirate condoned the seizing and beating of Palestinians.

In an outspoken interview with *The Times* and another British newspaper, Abdul Karim Jafar, a board member of Kuwait's Red Crescent society, the Islamic equivalent of the Red Cross, suggested the Palestinians were getting everything they deserved. Mr Jafar was speaking as speculation mounted that Palestinians who had been held by the Iraqis had been screened out by Kuwaiti police from a group of more than 1,000 Kuwaiti prisoners of war who returned to emotional scenes yesterday.

When the Kuwaiti prisoners arrived it was noticeable that no Palestinians were among them. One Kuwaiti said Palestinians had also been released. The sharp divide separating them showed in Mr Jafar's comments. At first he denied mounting evidence of persecution of Palestinians. "I have not seen anything. If I see anything I will act. As a humanitarian organisation we should spread love among all people."

But later, with considerable vehemence, he said: "They (Palestinians) insulted us. We took them as brothers. We hugged them. Yassir Arafat started the PLO here. If you could only have seen what they did. They took Iraqis around and showed them houses where there were Kuwaiti officers. If it was your wife, sister, mother who was raped, how would you act? If you and me are friends and are walking down the street and a man started hitting me, would you blame me for hitting him back?" Mr Jafar said he had witnessed Kuwaitis beating Palestinians. "A Kuwaiti started crying. I asked him why he was crying. He said that Palestinians had raped his wife in front of him."

Mr Jafar also dismissed claims that Kuwaiti soldiers and freelance resistance members were interrogating and beating Palestinian and Iraqi refugees in the Red Cresent-run refugee camp on the Kuwait-Iraq border. His reaction to the problem of lack of food and water in the camp was to blame the International Red Cross for failing to help enough. According to Red Cross representatives here, international relief has been sent through their organisation to Kuwait.

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UNITED NATIONS

Embargo on food to be scrapped

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations sanctions committee moved yesterday to lift restrictions on food and other essential goods entering Iraq after a UN survey found conditions in the country were "near apocalyptic". The committee was expected to allow all food shipments through the embargo, provided it is notified of them. Other essential supplies, such as fuel for generators, would also be permitted, although still subject to case-by-case approval by the committee.

Western diplomats said Iraq had agreed to allow the UN and the Red Cross to supervise the distribution of food to ensure that it is not denied to civilians in rebel-held areas.

The decision of the sanctions committee is expected to be incorporated in the next UN resolution, probably next week, dictating terms to Iraq for a permanent ceasefire. The five permanent members of the UN Security Council yesterday continued work on a US draft of the resolution, with China and the Soviet Union pressing for amendments. Diplomatic sources said the demand that Iraq destroy all its chemical, biological and nuclear weapons within 90 days was controversial and could be dropped. But Britain, one of the permanent members, was threatening to block any resolution that did not include it.

There were also differences over when sanctions on non-essential goods should be lifted. Britain and America want such sanctions to remain in effect until Iraq has destroyed its weapons of mass destruction and agreed to pay part of its oil revenue as war compensation, but China is pressing for a faster end to the embargo. The sanctions panel is a sub-committee of the security council.

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American troops launch Operation Desert Scrub

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

EUROPEANS have long seen in Americans an obsession with hygiene, and the Gulf war is no exception. The big clean-up has followed the huge wipe-out as US military staff follow orders from the pristine offices of Washington bureaucrats to remove every grain of dirt from their boots and equipment.

While the troops are in a hurry to return home, government officials have decreed that Middle Eastern sand and soil embedded on soldiers' shoes or in the treads of tanks could carry regional diseases such as foot-and-mouth into the United States. The military, unwilling to bear the wrath of farmers if any crop or animals should go down with a disease linked to a Gulf-related plant or pest, is hosing down with high-pressure jets of water each vehicle before it ships out of Saudi Arabia.

Military inspectors armed with cleansing sprays at American ports of entry for homecoming troops are supposed to check every pair of boots before its wearer steps on to official American land. Soldiers still in the field are frantically scraping encrusted dirt off their water carriers, portable radios and *matériel*.

Overseeing the logistical nightmare is the United States agriculture department's animal plant health inspection service. The agency is sending a handful of experts to the Gulf and training extra staff. The officials are working with a glee previously seen only in the customs officials at American airports who confiscate returning holidaymakers' German salamis and granny's homegrown apples on the grounds they are potential health hazards.

"The Gulf has pests that are not here," said James Fons, an agency official. "Soil-borne diseases and pests can present problems in a new area." The nearest equivalent fear among British officials is that of allowing in animals from continental Europe that could cause an outbreak of rabies. The main reason for the American paranoia about Gulf dirt is the devastation 12 years ago of the Californian orange harvest, traced to the entry of a Mediterranean fruit fly in a shipment of imports. The government spent more than $100 million (£56 million) over three years in efforts to eradicate the bug.

Two hurt in Iraqi embassy protest

Delhi — At least two people were injured in alleged firing from inside the Iraqi embassy in Delhi last night when more than 500 demonstrators protested outside the mission against Iraq's attempts to crush Shia rebels (Christopher Thomas writes).

The protest, organised by a Shia group, followed Friday prayers. Demonstrators threw stones at the embassy gates and smashed windows, according to witnesses. They also damaged two embassy cars and chanted slogans denouncing President Saddam Hussain and the campaign against Shia rebels in southern Iraq.

Israeli curbs

Jerusalem — Yitzhak Shamir's government yesterday considered fresh restrictions on Palestinians working in Israel because of a number of knife attacks on Israeli soldiers and civilians. Shamir faced calls from both ends of the political spectrum for the occupied territories to be sealed off.

American killed

Istanbul — Gunmen killed a former US Air Force officer working for an American firm in Turkey, police said. The marxist organisation Dev Sol admitted responsibility. A spokesman for the American embassy identified the victim as John Gandy, a married man aged 52. *(AP)*

Gold medals

Washington — The US Senate has approved the award of congressional gold medals to the chairman of the US joint chiefs of staff, General Colin Powell, and the commander of Operation Desert Storm, General Norman Schwarzkopf, for their leadership in the Gulf war. *(AFP)*

Back from dead

Cairo — An Egyptian soldier listed killed in the Gulf war went home to find his family and friends mourning his death. "I saw one of my friends and when I asked him to take me home, he became hysterical and shouted 'Ghost, ghost'," Yasser Ahmed Ali told the newspaper *al-Akhbar*. *(Reuter)*

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East Germans recoil from the bitter aftertaste of unity

East Germans, cossetted by promises from Bonn and their own wishful thinking, are slowly discovering the high price of unity, Anne McElvoy writes

THE first caller on the afternoon phone-in came from the east Berlin high-rise ghetto of Marzahn. Could the senator explain why there are 12 per cent cuts in the joint Berlin police force when the city's crime rate is soaring. And, by the way, what other jobs would a former East Berlin policeman have a chance of getting?

The next caller had the opposite problem. He had just lost his job in an electronics factory. What were his chances of being taken on by the police? In an attempt to show Berliners that their government is not oblivious to the city's post-unity plight, the city's new interior senator, Dieter Heckelmann, has taken to the airwaves in a weekly agony uncle slot to answer the questions of easterners recoiling at the bitter aftertaste of unity.

Like most politicians in Berlin and the five new *Länder*, he cannot keep the tone of recurring desperation out of his voice. "In normal times your grievance would be quite justified," he tells one caller after another. "But please remember we are under-financed in eastern Berlin alone now by five billion marks (£1.67 billion). The coffers are empty."

The east German economy is now on the verge of complete collapse, with its industry uncompetitive and the promised flood of investments failing to materialise. Meanwhile, the west is booming, profiting from the new market east of the Elbe while not benefiting its economy in the least.

The hitherto simmering tension between the Bundesbank and the government erupted earlier this week when Karl Otto Pöhl, president of the Bundesbank, said that the rush into monetary union had been "a disaster" and gave a warning to the European Community not to make the same mistake.

Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, hit back by lambasting "the bad-mouthers who are always wiser after the event", but was clearly unnerved by the attack. His mood has not been helped by the turn against him in the east, where 200 000 workers took to the streets this week to protest against unemployment and social inequality and left no doubt about who they blamed.

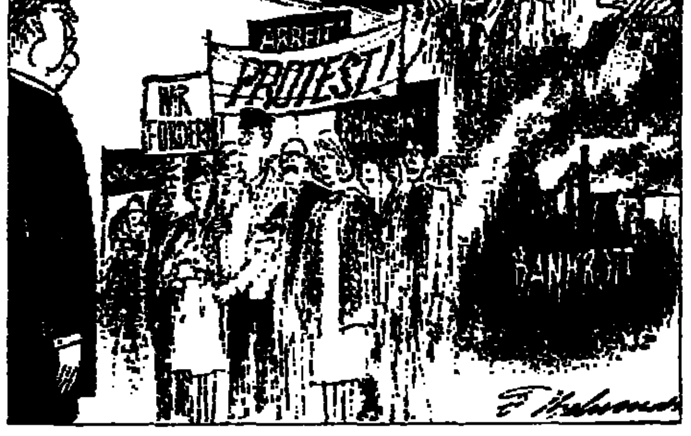
The chancellor's grip on the east is slipping, his sureness of touch deserting him. Asked to comment on the demonstrations, his spokesman, Dieter Vogel, announced that the government was "annoyed" and blamed "troublemakers" — uncomfortable echoes of the old regime's tendency to want to deselect the populace and replace it with another.

The Bundesbank and most economists knew all along that the prerequisite for monetary union was a higher degree of economic convergence than was available at the time and that the carefully controlled economy the federal republic has painstakingly built up would transfer badly to the chaotic and moribund east. In the age-old German tussle of idealism and reason, the idealists won, but their victory has been short-lived. Open comparisons are being made with the depression of the 1930s when Germany's gross national product dropped by 35 per cent in three years. Eastern Germany has lost 20 per cent productivity within a year. Half of the working population is expected to be without a job when the statutory period of notice for redundancies ends at the end of June.

The wiser east Germans always knew that *1991* would be the year of hard reckoning. But they were cossetted by promises from Bonn and their own wishful thinking.

Wages have risen too far, too fast, propelled by the expectation they would reach west German levels within a couple of years rather than the more realistic aim of a decade or so. Investors complain that east German labour is too expensive — especially with more lucrative labour markets opening up in Czechoslovakia and Poland — and eastern companies are proving hard to sell.

True integration was not achieved with monetary union last July, nor by state union in October. It will be forged, slowly and painfully, over the next decade, at greater cost than has yet been admitted.



Herr Kohl meets unification's realities and the ghosts of Ulbricht, Stalin and Honecker in a *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* cartoon

Bonn renews pressure to set pace of EC union

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

GERMANY is trying to turn up the heat on European unity, which has been simmering on the back burner for much of the Gulf confrontation. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the foreign minister who works tirelessly for European unification, has been busy enlisting French help in his efforts to persuade the European Community to concentrate on the subject again.

He visited Roland Dumas, his French opposite number, in Paris on Thursday evening to discuss the timetable for unity. Although John Major was assured, during the prime minister's successful summit in Bonn earlier this month, that Britain was now regarded as an essential partner in EC leadership, Herr Genscher is relying on the old Franco-German partnership to serve as the engine of unification.

A joint declaration, issued yesterday, said that the intergovernmental conferences on political and economic union ought to finish the main part of their work by this summer so that remaining differences can be cleared up by the end of the year. The work on both treaties should be done in parallel, and the necessary amendments ratified by the 12 national parliaments before the end of 1992.

This timescale is not new. It was set out in a joint letter sent to the European summit last June by President Mitterrand of France and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor. The new joint declaration, like that letter, also describes the final aims of the intergovernmental conferences. The significance of the new declaration is that despite all the arguments raised since last June the two countries have not shifted their joint position.

Both countries will interpret the way they want the words. Their importance is, however, that between them France and Germany are again setting the agenda for the international conferences, making it more difficult for Britain and other countries to control the pace and direction of negotiations.

The aims include setting procedures for a joint foreign and security policy with the long-term objective of a common defence policy. Both countries say they mean to confirm the "organic links" between European political union and the Western European Union (WEU) without weakening the links to Nato. The two ministers also want the European parliament to have new responsibilities, including the appointment of the European Commission and its president.

On the economic union front there is no hint that Germany is having second thoughts about the desirability of speedy progress to a common currency and central bank. The joint statement said that the second stage of economic union must begin on schedule from *1994*. It went on to say that "at the latest three years after this begins", in January 1997, a report must be ready on the way ahead, laying down the appropriate timescale for moving on to the final stage, including an independent central bank and common currency based on "a strong and stable Ecu".

● **Hardline stance:** The German government yesterday refused to follow President Bush's call to reduce Poland's official debt by 70 per cent, saying it could not afford such a move.

Yugoslav leaders agree to hold talks

From DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

THE leaders of Yugoslavia's six republics have agreed to begin talks, raising hopes that their disputes may be settled peacefully. But many difficulties lie ahead before an agreement on the country's future can be reached.

The meetings will start next week with the Croatian president, Franjo Tudjman, playing host. They will be continued in other republics. These negotiations will not be held under the auspices of the federal state presidency as happened before with disastrous effects.

Last week the presidency suffered a severe blow when its president, the Serb Borisav Jovic, finding himself in a minority, first quit and then withdrew his resignation, accusing his colleagues of sabotaging agreements and working for Yugoslavia's disintegration because they refused to vote for a military option in settling the dispute. It was then that the Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic, who favoured army intervention, suffered a humiliating defeat.

The talks between the leaders of the republics stand a better chance of overcoming the differences which remain. Stipe Mesic, the vice-president, who will represent Croatia on the eight-man presidency and who will soon replace Mr Jovic as the president, struck an optimistic note when he said that some kind of accord now seemed more likely as the politicians who matter most will from now on negotiate directly. The Yugoslavs have obviously decided in principle that, whether they like it or not, they must stay together.

Sounding off: Boris Yeltsin, president of the Russian Federation, addressing workers at the Kirov plant in Leningrad. Mr Yeltsin, mobbed by workers pledging to strike if hardline Communists unseat him, repeated charges that President Gorbachev had abandoned reform plans

Japan throws cash at islands dispute

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

ICHIRO Ozawa, the secretary-general of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic party, arrives in Moscow this weekend for three days of talks with President Gorbachev. He will be waving Japan's favourite foreign policy trump card, a cheque book.

Japanese newspapers reported this week that Mr Ozawa plans to offer Moscow £15 billion in economic aid in return for sovereignty over four islands off the north coast of Japan, claimed by Tokyo but occupied by the Soviet Union since 1945. The reports have led to speculation that Mr Ozawa is raising the stakes in his attempt to become prime minister. If he can win domestic acclaim as the man who wrested back Japan's sovereign territory from the great bear across the waters, he will be virtually unassailable in the leadership race expected later this year.

While Liberal Democratic party officials yesterday furiously denied that Japan would offer a lump sum on anything like the scale mentioned in the reports, an undaunted Mr Ozawa told Japanese business leaders yesterday that the government and the Liberal Democratic party would indeed be prepared to offer undisclosed amounts of economic aid to Moscow in return for a settlement of the dispute. He also stated that a phased return of the islands would be acceptable.

Mr Ozawa's visit to Moscow comes less than a month before Mr Gorbachev's scheduled April 16-19 trip to Tokyo, the first visit to Japan by a Soviet leader. The Cold War may be over in Europe, but it grinds chillingly on at the Soviet Union's far eastern extremities where the disputed islands lie just two miles from the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido.

The two nations have been technically at war since 1945, when Stalin broke a 1941 neutrality pact with Japan and occupied Etorofu, Kunashiri, Shikotan and the cluster of tiny Habomai islands.

Soviet TV troika banished

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

MEMBERS of Moscow's progressive intelligentsia, who fancy themselves as arbiters of public taste and protectors of glasnost, are retiring to bed earlier these days. The late-night television news programme, which used to be required viewing, has abandoned its pioneering style and become, within the space of a week, just another news broadcast. "More of the same old lies," as one commentator put it.

The late news, referred to by its initials, TSN, had built up a reputation for stylish presentation and almost Western news values. Its three chief presenters, Tatyana Mitkova, Dmitri Kiselev and Yuri Rostov, brought spontaneity and personality to newsreading in a very un-Soviet way. They were liked and trusted. A week ago, they were banished from the screen.

It still has the single close-up presenter, the jazzy introduction and the fade-out to a pop video, or fashion show, but TSN now offers little more than an abbreviated form of the increasingly tendentious *Vremya* programme broadcast at 9pm. Since the removal of Miss Mitkova and the others, a different presenter has appeared each night. It used to be quite different. Miss Mitkova, a cheerful brunette, brought a touch of irony here, a touch of commitment there and a sense that the frontiers of glasnost were being pushed outwards all the time. Mr Rostov was the last Soviet television reporter in Baghdad before the bombing started. Mr Kiselev, young, serious and slightly diffident, was the junior member of the team.

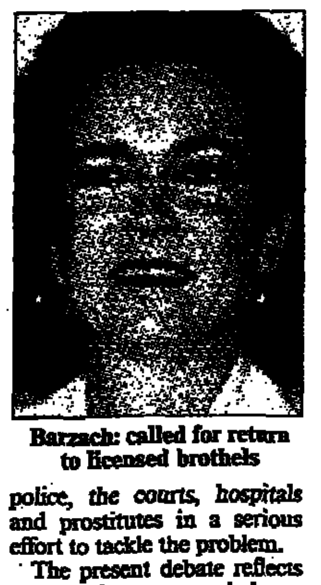
The path towards banishment began, in their view, with their attempts to ward off censorship of events in the Baltic republics. The night after the killings in Lithuania, Miss Mitkova presented the programme, which went on air nearly an hour late. She had tears in her eyes and told viewers that the report she would read was the official version.

Aids team closes door on bordello

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

A REPORT from two eminent French medical researchers has rejected the idea that re-opening the licensed brothels of Paris could help the authorities cope with the ravages of Aids. Despite the continued increase in the number of deaths from the disease in the capital, which now accounts for about one-third of all cases diagnosed in France, they have concluded that reviving the brothels would do nothing to prevent the spread of Aids (known here as Sida) as a result of "clandestine" prostitution.

In any case, the report adds, "such a solution seems unacceptable in the land of human rights ... which adheres to the United Nations treaty on abolition of slavery". A far better response to the Aids virus that has turned Paris into one of worst afflicted cities in Europe would be a campaign involving the police, the courts, hospitals and prostitutes in a serious effort to tackle the problem.



Barzach: called for return to licensed brothels

The present debate reflects the passions aroused by a provocative suggestion from Michèle Barzach, the minister of health in the last conservative government, that the need for stricter hygienic controls on prostitution demanded a return to private bordellos, which were abolished 45 years ago. The fact that Mme Bazarch is in charge of the capital's programme to combat the Aids epidemic, which is affecting the heterosexual community, merely sharpened the controversy.

For her, the "horrifying" spread of Aids in Paris required a drastic and effective response: the Bois de Boulogne, she said bluntly, had so many prostitutes plying their trade that it should be known as "the Boulevard de Sida". For Emile Aron and Etienne-Charles Frogé, both members of the French Academy of Medicine, Mme Barzach's reasoning was neither morally nor practically valid. While experience had demonstrated that efforts to eliminate prostitution were truly "utopian", there was nothing to recommend the old system in France.

After Mme Barzach, who is also a parliamentary deputy for Paris, first lobbed her grenade into the Aids debate last June, she was fiercely attacked by politicians, family associations and the church. But her remarks also attracted interest from the serving minister in the Socialist government, Claude Evin. In a response that he may have lived to regret, M Evin said that the government had an obligation to "examine anything that will allow us to limit the spread of Aids ... though re-opening of *maisons closes* would not be the only official approach". He has subsequently retreated from that position.

According to experts, most regular prostitutes take precautions with clients; the sharpest increase in confirmed Aids cases affects those who inject themselves intravenously. But while "occasional" prostitution is now suspected of considerable responsibility for spreading the disease, it is hard to see how re-opening brothels, even under "hygienic" control, would help Paris turn the tide.

Gunmen sent to prison for life

Bonn — Two gunmen who led police on a highly publicised 54-hour chase round Germany and The Netherlands in 1988, during which three people died, were given life sentences yesterday by a court in Essen (Ian Murray writes).

Hans-Jurgen Rosner, aged 34, and Dieter Degowski, aged 35, were found guilty of extortion, kidnapping and taking hostages with fatal consequences. Their girlfriend, Marion Loblich, aged 37, was convicted of complicity and jailed for nine years.

MPs accused

Prague — The names of ten MPs accused of collaborating with the Czechoslovak secret police under the former communist regime were read out during a televised session of the federal parliament.

UN go-ahead

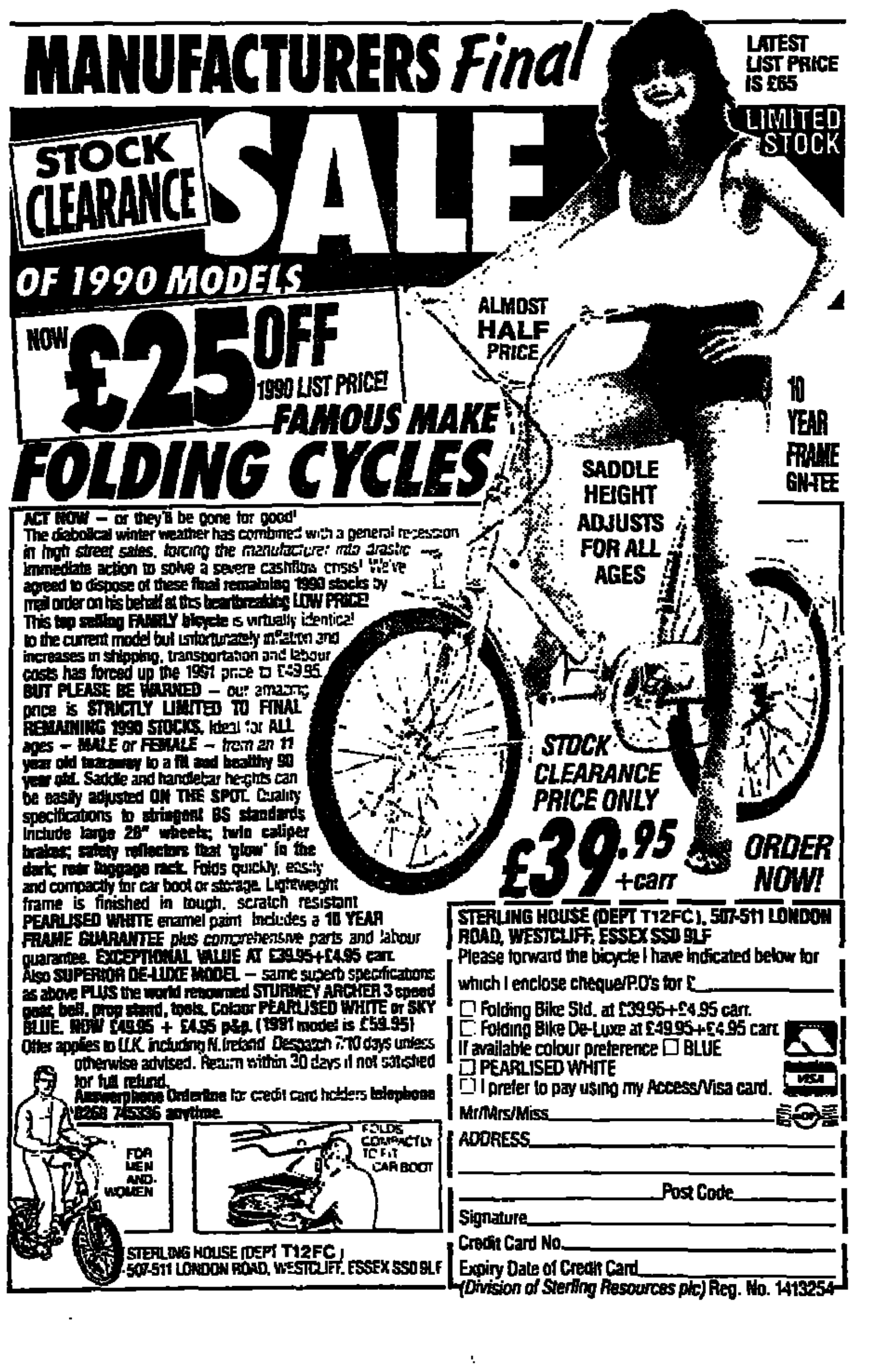
Johannesburg — South Africa has invited the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to assist in the repatriation of of political exiles thereby unlocking aid from foreign governments.

New legal code

Khartoum — Sudan's military government ushered in a new *sharia* (Islamic law) code, reintroducing such punishments as amputation of a hand for theft. The code will apply only to the predominantly Muslim north. *(Reuter)*

Scud attacks

Peshawar — Afghan government forces have fired more than 60 Scud missiles in the past six days at mujahedin guerrillas besieging the garrison city of Khost, 15 miles from the Pakistani border. *(Reuter)*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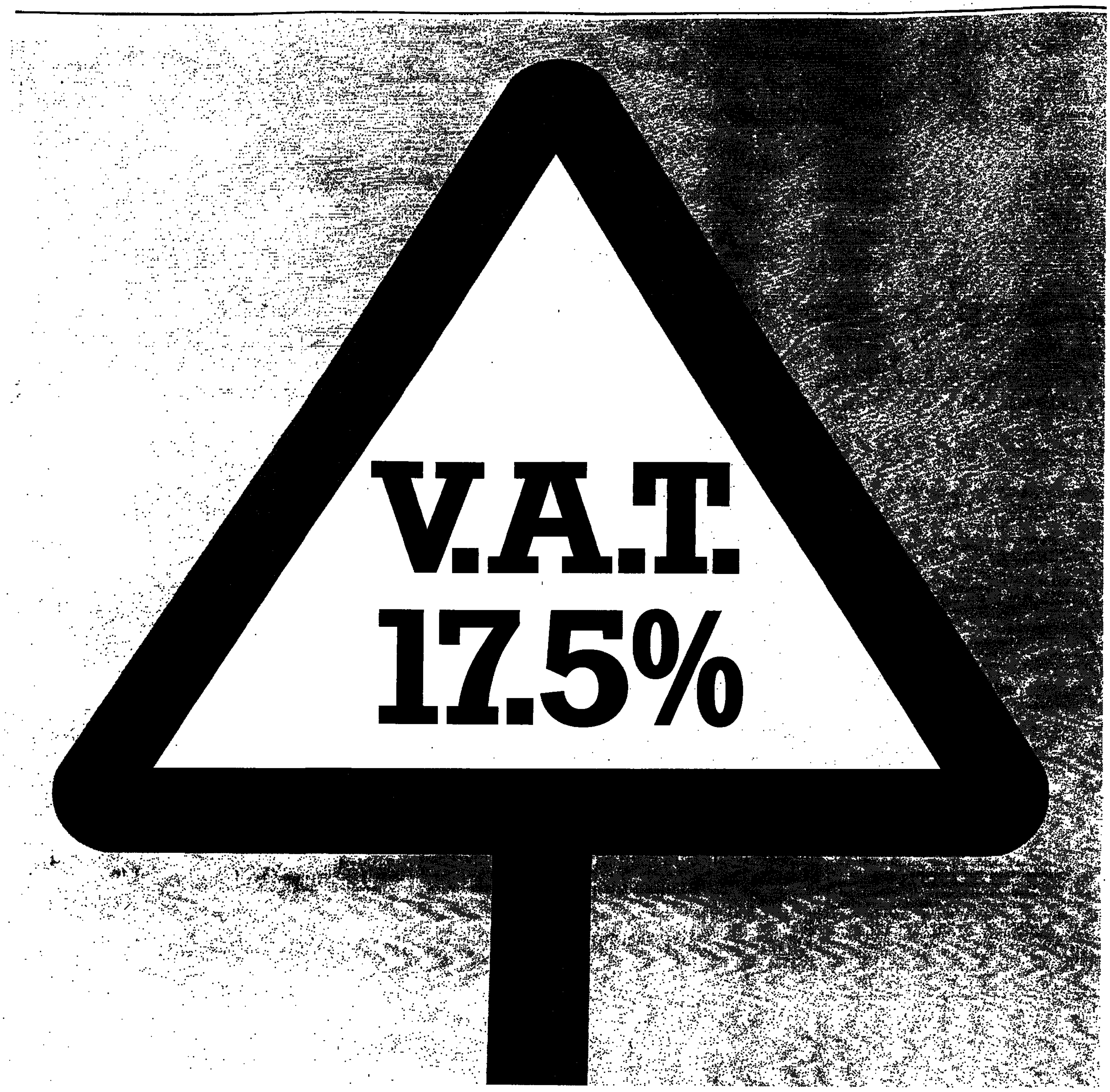

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Pakistani generals turn their backs on US military aid

From BEN WHITTAM SMITH IN LAHORE

PAKISTAN's generals celebrated national day yesterday with a traditional parade of armed strength amid growing signs that the military is distancing itself from the United States and moving closer to China and Iran.

The move by the generals is in defiance of official government policy, but Mian Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister, has had difficulties in aligning his decision to send troops to fight alongside the Americans in the Gulf war with popular admiration for President Saddam Hussein's attempt to defy the United States.

In a recent speech General Aslam Beg, the army chief of staff, accused the United States of tricking Iraq into invading Kuwait as part of a plan to enhance Israel's security. He also wondered who would be the "next target" of the West after the defeat of Iraq. This kind of military thinking aloud does not please the government.

With 11,000 troops still in Saudi Arabia, the government is aware that Pakistan's economy depends on loans from US-dominated agencies. General Aslam Beg was persuaded to visit Saudi Arabia last month in an attempt to mend some fences. The government, however, has little control over security planning, and the military is looking to a future free of American aid. Observers feel this amounts to *a defence of state sovereignty* and the protection of Pakistan's nuclear programme from American threats and pressures.

American officials in Islamabad say that as yet they have not responded to anti-American feelings, but that such a response could result in a total withdrawal of military assistance and an embargo on arms sales. American aid to Pakistan, including military assistance worth at least $230 million (£128.5 million), has already been suspended by President Bush, in October, after a failure to prove that Pakistan was not developing a nuclear weapon.

Already self-sufficient in ammunition, the military appears determined to cut its reliance on American equipment and build up its own defence production industries, often in association with China. Air Vice-Marshal Yusuf Khan, the director of the airforce's aircraft maintenance complex in the arid plains north of Islamabad, said: "We find the Chinese much more helpful than the Americans. Not only are they cheaper but we can be confident that there will be no embargoes." Pakistan and China are jointly developing a main battle tank after Pakistan rejected the American M1A1 tank.

The airforce was an early casualty of the cut-off of American aid. Flight time on its fleet of US-supplied F16 fighter-bombers has been halved because of uncertainty over a planned engine overhaul which requires American collaboration.

The generals are viewing American intentions in the *Gulf region with increasing* suspicion and alarm. In recent speeches General Aslam Beg has outlined his vision of a "strategic consensus" linking Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan. Mushahid Hussain, the Pakistan correspondent of *Jane's Defence Weekly*, said: "The army is apprehensive of the Americans' new world order. It has it own view of the region centred on India, Iran, Afghanistan and up through the Muslim republics of the Soviet Union. It fears that any accommodation with the US could come at the cost of compromising its interests." So the military prepares to stand on its own.

The military leadership also has hopes of forging links with Iran. Local newspapers have reported that arms sales had been agreed between the two countries. However, one senior official involved in the arms deal conceded that "as yet nothing has been finalised."

The prime minister is keen to get Pakistan involved in the reconstruction of Kuwait, but the military's stance does not help his chances. General Aslam Beg is due to retire in August and polticians will hope for an army chief with views closer to their own. Whether they will get one is *still a matter for doubt.*

UN agency rejects Pilger film claim

By NICHOLAS WATT

A UNITED Nations agency said yesterday that its funding for Cambodian refugees could be threatened after John Pilger, *the journalist*, alleged that it had leased a warehouse in Thailand to the Americans as a weapons store for the Khmer Rouge.

Pilger said in a television film last year that the ownership of the warehouse was classified, while the land was owned by the United Nations Border Relief Operation and had been leased to the American government. He concluded that it was ironic that a humanitarian agency should let its property to a foreign government which allowed it to be used as a military base.

The agency's complaint comes just days after Pilger was awarded the Richard Dimbleby journalism award for the film, *Cambodia: The Betrayal*, which was broadcast on Central Television last October. David Dimbleby, the broadcaster, said the award, in memory of his father, should not have gone to Pilger on the ground that his reporting was polemical.

Pilger: spent nine months investigating in Thailand

Pilger told the Bafta ceremony on Sunday "that a dissenting voice is every bit as legitimate, if not more so, than one respective (sic) of authority".

Alan Doss, director of the UN agency in Thailand, which gives relief to Cambodian refugees, rejected the allegations yesterday and has lodged a complaint with the Independent Television Commission. *He said*: "These allegations were made on hearsay and by unnamed sources. But we are investigating this because we do not want to leave any stone unturned." His agency did not own any land and did not lease land to anyone. Its work was strictly humanitarian. "Mr Pilger's statement is therefore damaging to Unbro and the United Nations," he said.

He added: "Unbro's funding situation is always precarious and any indication that we are involved in providing military support to the Khmer Rouge could have very serious repercussions with the donor community."

Pilger defended his allegations this week. He said he had spent nine months investigating in Thailand and a source within the agency had confirmed his claims. He said that he had not asked the agency for its comments because he was confident of the allegations and he knew that it would deny them. "If journalism is about reporting official denials then there would be no journalism," he said.

Ten feared killed in Mali protests

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AT LEAST 10 people were feared dead and hundreds injured in anti-government rioting in Bamako, the capital of Mali, yesterday, witnesses said. The state radio interrupted its regular programming and said President Moussa Traore would address the nation later.

One doctor said there were 18 bodies at Gabriel Toure hospital in the centre of the capital and at least one body in another Bamako clinic. Official sources later put the number of deaths in Bamako at about 15.

Witnesses in the West African nation's capital said demonstrators demanding an end to one-party rule battled with police, burning and looting shops, factories and government buildings. Witnesses reached by telephone from Abidjan said soldiers responded with submachine guns and tear gas, and then moved cannons and armoured cars into the streets. One witness said: "Everyone has taken to the streets. It's anarchy out there."

Explosions echoed round the city of half a million people as protesters sacked and set on fire Bamako town hall and much of the capital's main commercial and industrial centres. A Belgian medical team will fly to Mali today to help local doctors treat what were said to be hundreds of riot victims, a spokesman for the Médécins Sans Frontières organization said yesterday.

Maxwell grabs the headlines

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

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Hats off to Maxwell as News gets bigger & better than ever!

Hot off press: Robert Maxwell shows off the first copy of his New York daily

NEW Yorkers were going about their business last week when a portly, bow-tied figure with a booming baritone burst on to the municipal consciousness. Until he came to the rescue of the strike-bound *Daily News*, few had heard of Robert Maxwell, but a week of television and headlines has changed that.

"Cap'n Bob" is a full-blown local celebrity. "The reserved, mannered British don't universally cotton to Maxwell's self-aggrandising style," *USA Today* explained in one of a stream of admiring profiles. Mr Maxwell has a "New York-sized ego", it said.

Mr Maxwell announced that "I have no desire to be a household name in this town", but there seems little chance of escaping that fate. Apart from anything else, his presence is visible to anyone who drives up the East Side, in the shape of the Lady Ghislaine, the 200ft Maxwell yacht docked near the United Nations.

However, honeymoons are as short as fame is instant in New York. For the past few days, the media have conveyed the idea that Mr Maxwell may be a little more than a loveable, charming saviour of cherished institutions. One newspaper found evidence of unrest among the crew of the Lady Ghislaine.

"An imperious master", *The New York Times* declared in a front-page review of the Maxwell style last weekend. "Chauffeurs and members of his flight crew are so anxious to avoid Mr Maxwell's wrath that they greet advance word of his arrival with the military words, 'Let's scramble'." But Peter McLaughlin, head of the journalists' union branch that negotiated with Mr Maxwell, said he admired his charisma and was not shocked by the way he is alleged to treat subordinates. "From all the movies I've seen, that is the way English lords treat their people," he said.

Brazil halts sales of coffee

From LOUISE BYRNE IN RIO DE JANEIRO

IN A surprise move which left coffee growers reeling in disbelief, the Brazilian government suspended its international coffee sales until further notice. According to a government spokeman, the move on Thursday by Brazil, the world's largest coffee producer, was taken in anticipation of the possible signing of a new international coffee agreement. If a new accord is signed, coffee prices could rise by up to 50 per cent.

Talks on the accord broke down in 1989 after Brazilian disagreement on several economic clauses. Negotiated by the International Coffee Organisation, the accord controlled quotas and prices of coffee on the international market. The free market situation since 1989 has led to a fall-off in prices and, some argue, a loss of product quality. There has been pressure on Brazil by other producer countries to renegoutiate the international agreement. The government's decision will not affect contracts already signed for this year.

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Claire Palley says the judges were not to blame for the 1988 failure of the Birmingham Six appeal

Hindsight should not condemn them

In July 1988, expecting British justice to be questioned in the United Nations Sub-Commission on Human Rights, of which I was a member, I obtained a transcript of the Court of Appeal hearing and judgment on the Birmingham Six. Like Lord Lane, the more I read, the more convinced I became that on the 1988 evidence the Court of Appeal was correct in upholding the trial verdict.

I had been willing to credit that police officers had assaulted the prisoners, as prison officers at Winson Green Prison did later, and therefore I carefully scrutinised the suggestion that the police interview timetable had been designed to render incredible claims of assault, threats or oppression. Yet the police evidence could not be faulted by the new evidence. Former police employees who supported the prisoners' claims lacked credibility. And unchallenged spectroscopic analysis showed traces of explosive on the hands of one of the accused. Only now, with new scientific evidence being produced, is it clear that it is unsafe to uphold the convictions, because it cannot be urged beyond reasonable doubt that explosives were handled by any of the accused or that the police did not force or fabricate confessions. Yet critics, with hindsight, now blame the judges because in 1988 they were not blessed with second sight.

The public should not be gulled by articulate critics into thinking deficiencies in the case are judicial: they are caused by failures of political will over 25 years or more, and by successive governments' and parliaments' failure to change the law. Appeal Court judges have negligible room for manoeuvre if the rules of law or procedures are inadequate, or if, unbeknown to them, evidence placed before them is false. Room for personal evaluation arises rarely — for example, where there is new evidence leaving a judge in doubt he can upset a conviction. Nor would a judge, taking such an important decision be so arrogant as to assume he would always be right.

Critics should direct their ire at parliament for failing to enact laws to deal with the problems of confessions during police questioning and with the criminal appeals system, especially the way it is set in motion and the circumstances in which fresh evidence can be adduced. Some of the complexities have been addressed by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1983. Yet difficult decisions are still required: is retrial by jury many years later appropriate? Should even stricter safeguards be required for admissibility of confessions? Should the the Home Secretary act as a minister of justice and be more active in pursuing reform of criminal procedure and intervening in notorious cases?

Lord Lane: decision was correct based on evidence at the time

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, has been criticised for failing to make general pronouncements about the Birmingham case or to resign. But he is not a justice minister and therefore not answerable for the criminal justice system. Further, any remarks could prejudice a future trial of police officers for assault and perjury. Nor is it appropriate for judges to beat their breasts in public when they make mistakes, although it would be wrong to think they do not agonise in private.

The lack of an emergency powers act with adequate safeguards is also grave. Power to exclude from Britain applies only to those suspected of terrorism concerned with Northern Ireland affairs. This is why Iraqis and Palestinians arrested at the outset of the Gulf war were either pressurised into leaving rather than face deportation proceedings, or were interned under the royal prerogative, or detained under the Immigration Act pending representations to the advisory panel of "three wise men", who can at most advise the Home Secretary that a particular deportation cannot be justified. Because proper legislation is absent, the judges have to pick up the pieces either in judicial review proceedings, or in actions for damages, or as members of the advisory panel.

These matters will become more troublesome. International terrorism is likely to increase as the failure to obtain an overall Middle East peace settlement becomes obvious. Parliament should now coolly consider comprehensive legislation and proper safeguards for exclusion and internment, should they be needed.

If it fails to do so, it will again involve itself in potential abuses of power, so risking the possibility of European Community nationals succeeding in the European Court and of others appealing to human rights bodies in the UN and the Council of Europe. It is the responsibility of politicians, not judges, to ensure that the high standards of British justice are maintained.

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Clifford Longley

Mobility in God's house

Anecdotal evidence is accumulating of an unexpected upsurge of involvement in religion in Britain. Whether it be audience figures for religious broadcasting, reports of full churches, or a gut feeling among religious professionals, the indications are too consistent to be easily dismissed.

Such swings have been claimed before, and religious institutions are in the business of eternal optimism. As before, the latest statistics give their predictions little support. A comprehensive census of church attendance on one Sunday in October 1989, conducted by the organisation Marc Europe and published earlier this month, showed that the adult church-going population had declined 1 per cent in ten years, to 10 per cent of the total.

Annual church attendance figures are always a couple of years out of date, as these are, which means an upswing would be well underway before being statistically recorded. The current claim is not just of higher numbers, but partly of "greater commitment" among existing church members. Words like renewal, reawakening and revival are mentioned in private conversations, often by clergymen who are unaware that others have noticed the same thing (and who perhaps like to think that it must be because of some new strength in their individual ministries).

Should these claims be believed? More evidence is needed, but there is one good reason for expecting them to be vindicated. Building societies and estate agents confirm what is easily observed, that houses have become difficult to sell, fewer people are moving. When families move house, particularly to a strange district, they take time to root themselves in their new communities. Habits of church-going are often broken by such disruption, and only slowly re-established, if at all. So a drop in geographical mobility is likely to lift the size of congregations. But it would be wrong to dismiss the effect as purely economic, having no religious significance. The evidence suggests that local churches are real communities. If church-going were a purely individual exercise in praying to one's maker and saving one's soul, one church would be as good as the next and mobility would make little difference. But it takes time to adapt to, and be accepted into, a new community, and strangers who approach will take one tentative step at a time. If membership of a church means membership of a particular local church community, then a move to another district is a break with that community and in effect a withdrawal of membership, until or unless membership of a new community is established.

Modern worship emphasises the community — which is why some do not like it. The revised creed begins "We believe..." not "I believe..." The exchange of "the peace" — a kiss, handshake or greeting during eucharistic services — has become general. Modern clergy like to be known by their Christian names. The quality of congregational participation in services has improved, and people now understand the words they say. Services are usually less formal; the liturgy has become a means of communication between people in the the congregation, as well as communication between the congregation and God. All these encourage involvement and deepen individual faith. They are also likely to build a stronger sense of shared identity and community. This is, of course, likely to raise the barriers between the church community and the society surrounding it.

High mobility is a modern scourge, disrupting more than church membership. Suburbs where few stay more than five years are notorious for isolation and loneliness; rural areas, with much greater population stability, are friendlier by far, and have higher church attendances.

As interest rates fall and the recession ends, the housing market will begin to pick up and mobility will increase. Unless the effect is well understood, and the right steps are taken to counter it, local churches will experience the reverse of the benefits they seem to be enjoying now. But countermeasures will be hard to decide. Communities are organic entities with their own dynamics, and well-meaning manipulation by the clergy to make them seem more superficially welcoming could be self-defeating. The community itself must choose its own "mission to the mobile". But the rewards could be considerable.

Stop fencing in nature

The only way of saving our national parks from the pounding by millions of visitors may be to abolish them, writes Marion Shoard

On Thursday a Countryside Commission review panel unveiled the outcome of a year-long study of Britain's national parks. After considering more than 400 submissions and meeting more than 50 organisations, it announced 170 proposals, some of which would require a new act of Parliament. Its work received dutiful plaudits, but what will it actually mean for the thousands who will spend much of the Easter holiday trapped in lakeside traffic jams round Windermere or tramping Peak District paths almost pounded away by too many boots?

The answer, sadly, is: very little. To deal with a profound malaise, the panel offers a packet of sticking plasters. An opportunity for the fundamental reappraisal that many country-lovers consider essential has been thrown away. Were there to be such a rethink it would be unlikely to deliver a new association of national park authorities, or "twinning" arrangements with overseas parks, as the panel suggests. It would be more likely to light upon an option the panel did not even consider: the abolition of our existing national parks.

Britain's national parks have always been a fraud. Elsewhere in the world a national park is a stretch of land acquired by the state and administered in the national interest. Anyone who has visited the superbly managed national parks of the United States or even Third World wildlife reserves will know what is meant. Yet though national parks were conceived by a Scotsman (John Muir, in 1890), they have never existed in Britain in the form he intended.

At present we have ten so-called national parks, all of them in the uplands of England and Wales. They cover 9 per cent of the land surface, but almost none of this is owned by the park authorities. The land remains in the hands of private landowners, who continue to use it as they think best. All that national park status brings is some minor additional protection for landscape assets, some tiny sums of public money to pay for them and an uncontrolled boost to the number of visitors these assets attract. The review panel's proposals, even if the government implements them, would leave this essentially unchanged.

As a device for boosting tourism, our parks have been a success, but this has served only to emphasise their failure to do their real job. This, according to the Act of Parliament that created them in 1949, is to conserve and enhance our most beautiful countryside and enable people to enjoy it. Swamping some of our prime landscape assets with increasingly dissatisfied tourists now imperils rather than advances these objectives.

Uphill struggle: members of the National Trust footpath repair team in the Lake District

The way out of our present predicament is not to persuade the government to buy the land in our national parks and run the parks properly on the American model, even if that were feasible. Britain is not like America or Tanzania, where a vast expanse of cheap, relatively uninteresting land includes a few fascinating nuggets that can readily be bought up and subjected to lavish protection and management. What really distinguishes Britain's landscape is not just the upland wilderness enshrined in our national parks, but the kaleidoscope of moor and mountain alongside field and hedge, down and heath, wood and meadow, pond and stream, in the unique blend which our poets and painters have so often celebrated. The whole point of our rural landscape is that it embodies "a conversation between man and nature" extending throughout the country. This is what we really need to conserve in Britain, not a few natural curiosities like the geysers of Yellowstone or Australia's Ayers Rock.

One of the peculiarities of our present national parks is that the types of landscape they embrace are among the least distinctively British and the least threatened. In the past 50 years we have lost 10 per cent of our grass and heather moorland in England and Wales. Yet we have lost 80 per cent of our chalk downland turf, a botanically rich ecosystem hardly found outside Britain, which goes unrepresented in any of our national parks.

Lowland heath, on which some of our scarcest reptiles and birds are fighting a losing battle for survival, is similarly unrepresented. The review panel takes a step towards acknowledging this awkward point by suggesting that the New Forest might become a park, but it also tries to get around it by redefining the purpose of our parks. It says a national park must "provide a sense of wildness", and that "remoteness" is one of the existing parks' key assets, though these criteria have no basis in law.

If we are to have national parks, they ought at least to embrace a representative selection of our key landscape types. As it is, the existing national parks not only impose pressure on the landscape they embrace, but by their very existence undermine the struggle to protect the countryside as a whole. We expect an outcry whenever a minor road improvement is proposed in a national park. But when the North Downs were threatened by the M25, or the South Downs by the A27 improvement programme, nobody took much notice. After all, those areas could not matter very much or they would have been made into national parks.

As well as hindering conservation, the national parks distort patterns of recreation. While the Peak District is being trampled away, vast swathes of lowland countryside languish unexplored behind "Trespassers will be prosecuted" signs. Surveys suggest many people prefer meadows and woods to the stern uplands of the national parks. Yet the concentration of attention on those parks delays the overdue process of opening up the rest of the countryside.

A country with a population as dense as ours needs to see all its open space as a recreation resource. In many of the German *länder* the law requires all forests, untilled open land, field edges and country paths to be open to the public. In Sweden, there is a universal right of access to the whole of the countryside. Each of these countries also has national parks to conserve particular landscape features, but their task is not confused with that of catering for the rural recreation needs of the population.

It is against this background that the hopeless inadequacy of Thursday's proposals becomes apparent. They contain little to save the parks from the fatal attraction which goes with their special status; they will do nothing to protect the rest of the countryside from the neglect which flows from the lack of that status. As a result, our real landscape assets will be neither conserved nor exploited as effectively as they should be. The time has come to look afresh at the whole of our countryside. We need new machinery to safeguard its treasures and to enable us to enjoy them.

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MATTHEW PARRIS

Dr Guillotine, I hope, took little pleasure in the circumstances that linked his name forever with the device. In the London telephone directory I could find a number of McBeths and Macbeaths, but only nine brave souls prepared to spell their name Macbeth, and nobody owning up to the surname Rasputin.

Judas has ceased to be a popular name for boys. There were no Herods at my school, and, for little girls, the name Medusa seems to have gone right out of fashion. I often wonder how many Myras have been christened in England since the mid-Sixties. How is Imelda doing as a name in the Philippines, these days? Has Idi survived, at the Ugandan font?

Don Juan, though, seems to have done his name no harm at all, and which of us would really mind being called Casanova? It seems so unfair that the original Slack Alice, whoever she was, almost spoiled a pretty name by being no more than the female equivalent to these two.

But I suppose there is a perverse pride to be obtained from being the reason for a sudden, catastrophic drop in the incidence of a given name in the *Times* birth announcements. Has Oscar recovered yet, do you think? I've recently become a little worried about Matthew, having been told last week by a woman I know that our mutual friend, John, was becoming the subject of gossip.

"Why?" I said.

"Well," she replied, "I was talking to a girl at the office, who knows I'm a friend of John's. She warned me that John might be odd. I asked her what she meant. She said 'Well, he's a friend of Matthew Parris, you know'."

"So how did you react?" I enquired.

"Oh," she said, in her delightfully straightforward Derbyshire way, "I told her that just because someone is a friend of Matthew's, doesn't mean — well, you know, that they're a *friend* of Matthew's."

Thanks a lot! I picture people sidling up to each other in seedy bars. "Are you a friend of Matthew's?"

"I might be. What's it to you?"

Can we stick with Dorothy, please? In return, I promise to make no jokes about sowing wild Parkinsons.

Or are politicians fair game? The events of this week past, at Westminster, call to mind a family breakfast scene; well into the 21st century. Father is in complaining mood. Mother has burnt the toast.

"...And you've Ridleyed the scrambled eggs again."

"What does he mean, Mum?"

"He means I spoilt it by being too violent with the whisk, my child. Mummy's a bit upset. She's just got a letter to say she nearly got the job she applied for, but was Heseltined at the last interview. Now hush, while I see whether I can Patten the offending toast."

"Who was Mr Patten, Mum?"

"It doesn't matter, dear. Nobody remembers. But to 'Patten' something is to make the best of a bad job. 'Pattening the toast" means scraping off the nastiest bits and making it look as tasty as you can. You see," she continues, satisfied, "I've removed most of the charcoal. Now wrap up those cinders in newspaper and Thatcher them, will you? I'll put a few extra slices into the toaster."

But Father is still in a complaining mood. In fact he's being a right old Ted this morning. "The mushrooms have stuck to the side and burned. Did you forget to Baker the pan?"

"We're out of grease. I did think about going to the supermarket this morning. There's also a lot to be said for stocking up on groceries. But getting the carpet cleaned will also be a priority under my household management plan. Meanwhile I'm deeply conscious of the need, too, to give the furniture a..."

"Oh do stop Kinnocking and make up your mind. There are times when you seem to lose all touch with reality. The way you gibber on, I'd swear you had a touch of the Benns..."

Father is halted in his tracks by the smell of smoke. "What's that smell?"

"Oh Lord. I've burnt the toast again."

"What a mess! You've made a right poll ta..."

Mother covers their little boy's ears. "Never, *never* say that word in front of the children!" She uncovers the ears.

"What did he say, Mum?"

"Daddy was comparing breakfast to the community charge."

"What was the community charge, Mummy?"

"It was a very silly thing, my darling, a long, long time ago."

THE TIMES DIARY

Who is the radical now?

The kerfuffle over Prince Charles's recent remarks on proportional representation has not only divided politicians. It has also split the ranks of the Radical Society. Professor Stephen Haseler, the society's chairman, wrote sternly to *The Times* saying the prince's reported remarks about his preferred electoral system "overstep the proper bounds of proprieties of a constitutional monarchy." He continued, "There is something faintly ridiculous about an unelected prince lecturing us all on the merits of electoral systems."

But Haseler has now been accused of committing a constitutional gaffe of his own, by writing on behalf of the society without first consulting its membership. Lord Pearson of Rannoch, one of the society's co-founders, says: "Professor Haseler is welcome to his gripe about the royal family, but the rest of us should not be tarred with his envious little brush. He deserves a rocket from the executive committee."

The society — whose members include Lord Marsh, Norman Tebbit, Professor Norman Stone, Brian Walden and Lord Chalfont — was not consulted about the contents of the letter.

"This is an unfair and dishonourable attack on Prince Charles," says Pearson. "Haseler was trading on a passing remark about proportional representation that was made by Prince Charles in a private conversation. We believe in radical discussion. The society is not Professor Haseler's personal fiefdom. Prince Charles has shown himself to be a true radical. Professor Haseler has shown himself to be something quite different."

But the professor is unabashed. "It was a legitimate point of view put forward to provoke discussion and debate, which is the purpose of the society. I think Lord Rannoch is being a little harsh. I was objecting on a very important constitutional point. Alternative points of view should be applauded within a society set up to provoke a radical debate."

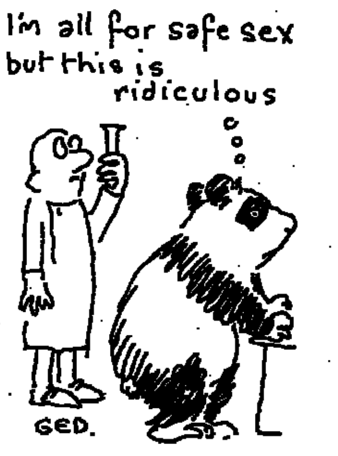
● *Not every Labour politician wanted to abuse Michael Heseltine on his 58th birthday. After administering the last rites to the poll tax, Heseltine met local government leaders in Whitehall and was delighted when Sir Jack Layden, Labour leader of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, led his colleagues in a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday to You". Only one person didn't croon: Margaret Hodge, the Labour leader of Islington. She described the performance as creepy.*

Pandarus

Unlike humans the panda community is unperturbed by the moral problems posed by virgin births. Shuan Shuan, a 4½-year-old female giant panda who lives at Chapultepec Zoo in Mexico City, has never known romance. Instead, two scientists from London's Regent's Park zoo are in Mexico today to inseminate her artificially.

Shuan Shuan has come on heat for the first time, and will remain so for only four days. Speed is essential. Indeed, she is fertile so rarely that zoo-keepers were not even sure she *was* a girl until she displayed characteristically female panda behaviour such as raising her tail and bleating.

Chia Chia, who arrived in Mexico Zoo in 1988 to sire some baby pandas, will be the donor for Shuan Shuan. Some of his sperm has already been frozen and is kept in storage at Chapultepec Zoo, but scientists have also taken with them the necessary equipment for a donor operation, which must have intrigued staff manning the X-ray scanner at Heathrow.


I'm all for safe sex but this is ridiculous
GED.

Altruism in a glass

Sir Charles Irving, the Tory MP for Cheltenham, is on the brink of concluding a deal to sell a £45,000 consignment of 12-year-old House of Commons own-brand Scotch whisky to a big Japanese company.

Sir Charles, chairman of the Commons catering committee, was approached by a group of Japanese businessmen after they had visited the Palace of Westminster and sampled the product, which carries the portcullis logo on the label. It is regarded in Toyko as a prestige symbol of Britain's parliamentary heritage and a top-class designer label.

"They are prepared to pay the full price of £15 a bottle," says Irving. "Discussions are at an advanced stage. It would be a valuable and prestigious export order for the House of Commons." Irving, who is standing down as catering chairman next month after 12 years, has stipulated the whisky cannot be sold on in the high streets of Japan, but must only be used for corporate entertaining. While delighted by the prospect of the deal, the gin-drinking MP was unable to add a personal recommendation. "I never touch the stuff," he says. "It makes me feel sick."

Divided loyalties

This year's Royal Tournament at Earls Court in July will boast an unusual skirmish. One hundred and fifty members of the Arizona Civil War Council will re-enact a night battle between the forces of the Confederacy and the Union. Organiser Bill Graham-Judson, an Arizona deputy-sheriff, is in London this week arranging the shipment of uniforms, rifles and artillery pieces.

"We will stage two mock battles at the tournament," he says. "Because half the group have southern sympathies and the other half northern, the Confederacy will win in the afternoon and the Union in the evening." Graham-Judson, wearing a grey colonel's uniform in the first attack and a blue one in the second, will be the only participant on both winning sides.

● *The finals of the W. H. Smith jigsaw championships are being held today at the company's Sloane Square headquarters, with Patricia Vukomanovic tipped to win. She has consistently completed jigsaws in record time in the local heats. Her secret? Don't start at the edges. Assemble the brightly coloured pieces in the centre first, then work outwards.*

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DRIFT TO THE CENTRE

Even as Michael Heseltine was proposing the renewal of local government on Thursday, the education secretary, Kenneth Clarke, began dismantling one of the strongest pillars of that government, local education. No wonder the Tory party's local activists were reluctant to cheer Mr Heseltine when he addressed them in Stockport yesterday. They do not trust the cabinet's profession of faith in the revival of local government, and recent history is on their side. Over the past decade the party dedicated to diversity and anti-centralism has allowed itself to drift relentlessly towards more central state control.

Mr Clarke's hunger for empire-building is currently limited to the (mostly) 16-18 further education colleges. He proposes a new national "funding council responsible to me", which will be an arms-length quango, doubtless told to let the 550 institutions coming under his jurisdiction go their own way. The Labour government promised the same bureaucratic self-denial when it seized the hospitals in 1949, and it tied them up in red tape ever since.

Deep suspicion should therefore surround Mr Clarke's intentions, especially if he intends next to make a grab for the entire British school system. That said, there is a case for the limited reform now proposed. The colleges are not schools but work-oriented institutions for school-leavers, strongly reliant on local businesses and training organisations. Their senior sisters, the 37 polytechnics covering post-18 education, were released from local council control in 1988 and have not suffered from an excess of bureaucracy. Some have prospered to the extent of challenging the universities as centres of excellence.

Some local councils did neglect, bureaucratise and even politicise some further education colleges, and those colleges should welcome their release. In addition, the shift of this group of institutions from local to national control will set up a more formally competitive way of paying for public sector 16-18 education. Though secondary schools will remain with local councils, the colleges will compete with them for students after the compulsory school leaving age.

Whether it was wise to include sixth-form colleges in the central government group is more doubtful. Sixth forms are the most expensive part of the school system. A coherent allocation of scarce resources is needed here. Mr Clarke's professed enthusiasm for sixth-form school education must now cut little ice in the classrooms.

The government's sensible initiative to promote "local management" of schools and colleges has already made local education less bureaucratic. The shift of some £4 billion of local spending to the Treasury, plus a further £2 billion now for the colleges, need not mean stripping councils of all commensurate responsibility. Centralisation of subsidy does not have to mean the formal transfer of institutions, property and land. The concept of the "enabling" local authority, sub-contracting services and institutions to semi-independent governors and businesses, deserves more of a trial before being undermined by Whitehall in this way.

Local government may stand the loss of the colleges, and may even learn to treat those institutions that remain to it with greater sensitivity than in the past. But at a certain point the pass will have been sold. A community's schools are the quintessential local institutions, symbols of communal strength and concord. They are locally financed, governed and administered in democracies round the world. To conclude that this cannot be achieved in Britain — simply because it has not worked well where the London elite happens to live — is an admission of collective constitutional defeat. Add the schools to the colleges in Mr Clarke's burgeoning empire and it will be hardly worth Mr Heseltine's time reforming local democracy. It will have nothing to do.

THE ORDEAL OF IRAQ

The kidnapping by Saddam Hussein's troops of Grand Ayatollah Abolquassem al-Khoei, the 90-year-old Shia scholar from the holy city of Najaf, followed by his quavering television declaration of support for Saddam is on a par with the televised "apologies" of captured allied airmen. Nothing is more likely to steel the resolve of Saddam's enemies. The Shia revolt in the south of Iraq has been given a new cause to fight for against the tanks of the Republican Guard.

Outside Iraq, Sheikh Muhammad Fadlallah, the spiritual leader of Hizbollah in Lebanon, has virtually committed his supporters to the downfall of Saddam. The Iranians have also been outraged, and may use the kidnapping as a pretext to drop any further pretence of neutrality. Tehran has sharply increased its invective. Already some 20 Iranian divisions are reported massing along the Iraqi border.

Iranian intervention might be enough to destroy Saddam's crumbling hold on power. But already civil war has split Iraq into three parts: Kurdistan, where the Kurds now claim control of virtually all their historic homeland; the south, where the oppressed Shia majority is fighting against phosphorus, napalm, and tanks with civilian hostages strapped to them; and the Arab Sunni central region where Saddam appears still to have a measure of control. These divisions correspond to the fault lines that have always weakened Iraq. Saddam's brutality has surely destroyed the basis for a unified Iraqi state. Lebanonisation seems the likely, but frightening, outcome.

The misery of the Iraqi population is rapidly worsening. Cholera, typhoid and other epidemics will soon spread, as raw sewage flows into the rivers, swollen and blackened corpses remain in the streets and the summer sun falls on the ravaged country. Many face famine as the June harvest is endangered by lack of irrigation, pesticides, fertilisers and fuel, and now by civil war. The appeal to lift food sanctions must be heeded. The allies took scrupulous care to avoid civilian casualties during the war. They cannot now stand by and watch thousands face death from famine and disease. To the humanitarian, Iraq, Ethiopia and the Sudan are no different.

The 90-day timetable just proposed by the United States to the other permanent members of the Security Council and now under discussion is meant to secure the allied objectives at the start of the conflict: the fixing of the border with Kuwait, the setting up of UN observers, the use of Iraqi oil earnings to cover reparations and the inspection and dismantling of Iraqi weapons. All this must indeed be achieved before most economic sanctions are lifted; an arms embargo should last even longer. But enough trade to allow the people of Iraq to survive and feed themselves must be permitted immediately.

The allies' objective must be to withdraw all forces from Iraq as swiftly as possible. The US draft timetable should not be an excuse to stay. The longer forces remain in the area, the greater the temptation to use them to intervene. Already thousands of refugees are making for the allied lines to seek shelter from civil war and famine. It is fanciful to think that the allies can set up a sanctuary in southern Iraq. Nor can they hold out a serious threat of resuming open war, an option as unacceptable in the West as it would be to Arab coalition partners. Achieving the balance between leaving in good order and not jeopardising the security of Kuwait was always going to be the hardest part of this war.

Setting unrealistic conditions for a permanent ceasefire would merely endanger allied troops and risk further ensnaring them in Iraqi politics. Refusing to lift any sanctions in the hope of thereby toppling Saddam is to misunderstand the political weakness of sanctions. It also condemns Iraqi civilians to starvation and disease. That is not why the war was fought with Iraq.

NAMING NAMES

Dublin being a city of good bars and good talk, there are grounds for the suspicion that not every pretty notion dreamt up by Irish politicians need be acted on. Some may be purely for the sake of conversation. Such may be the nature of the proposal to rename Dublin's 22 historic quays, by changing those called after dead British worthies to the names of dead Irish ones. So Sir John Rogerson Quay would become Brendan Behan Quay, Essex Quay would become James Joyce Quay, Wellington Quay Sean O'Casey Quay, and so on. Discuss, and let's have another . . .

The game offers hundreds of potential ways of substituting 22 names for 22 names, all potentially inappropriate. It has built-in conversation-snags, scope for going off at tangents, and opportunities to impress.

A Dublin councillor, Tony Gregory, claims the Irish have no great interest in "the imperial legacy" of Wellington and Essex, because it has nothing to do with them. The conversation trap is thus set. Who round the table knows that Wellington, Arthur Wellesley, is certainly the most famous general ever born in Merrion Street, in the heart of Dublin? Hence the witty reply to the ignorant "What did he ever do for Ireland?" should be: "He left it!" The more learned would say that he was the Irishman who saved Europe — Ireland too, no doubt — from the French.

A similar fate awaits the challenge: "Well, what about Ormond Quay, then?" Who knows that the first Duke of Ormonde (sic) was a notable Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in the 17th century and a benefactor of Dublin? Who was the Earl of Essex, and who indeed Sir John Rogerson? Before long Dr[illegible]rs, proud to reside in this year's European City of Culture, will be unlocking the quays to their own history.

Somebody built this Georgian jewel of a city: it did not just happen. But the Irish are ambivalent about their British roots, as if they want their story to date from the "terrible beauty" of Easter, 1916, with a prehistory of unmitigated grinding oppression. Hence the desecration of Georgian Dublin by successive governments, including the failure to protect the aforementioned quays. To a conservationist, Dublin is now the City of European Philistinism.

There is certainly a case for the honouring of Yeats and Beckett and there must be many a street available for renaming. The present-day British can have no objection to such a solemn sovereign decision. But if the deleted quay names were key parts of Ireland's history, how can it be in Ireland's interest to forget them?

That is not the way the conversation will run, of course. There is not enough laughter in it, and not enough gentle bitterness. The Irish can be selective in their self-criticism. But is 75 years after the Easter Uprising (marked next weekend) too soon to expect them to be sensible about their British connection? Until they are, will they ever really cherish what they have? Discuss, and still time for another . . .

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Mixed response to 'death' of community charge

From Ms Shonagh Methven

Sir, The Chancellor's decision yesterday to donate £140 per person to local authorities in order to reduce community charge bills begs a question in the borough with what is indisputably the lowest charge in the country.

Wandsworth was today hailed as the borough with "zero poll tax", having agreed a lower level than the Chancellor's handout. But is it not really just a case of robbing Peter to pay Sir Paul?

Borough residents, who would have paid a charge of only £27 if entitled to an 80 per cent rebate, will be charged 17.5 per cent VAT on essential items such as prepared food and clothes. Although the residents will pay no poll tax, the poorer residents will probably be worse off and have already lost many services to maintain Wandsworth's coveted position as lowest in the poll-tax league.

Wandsworth will receive almost £1 million more from the government than they would have raised by levying a £136 poll tax. Will each borough resident now receive a cheque for £4, or will the money be used to restore badly-needed services, cut in last year's budget? It will be interesting to see how Wandsworth's windfall is spent.

Yours faithfully,
SHONAGH METHVEN
(Organiser),
Battersea & Wandsworth Trades Union Council,
177 Lavender Hill, SW11.
March 21.

From Professor H. C. Higgins

Sir, We are told that the administrators responsible for collection of the current poll tax are trying to work out what to do with their already prepared forms in the light of the £140 rebate.

Try sending them out as planned with an addendum note saying: "You are entitled to deduct £140 from this charge".

Yours faithfully,

H. C. HIGGINS,
Higgins Gardner & Partners,
15 Bury Walk,
Chelsea, SW3.
March 22.

From Sir John Page

Sir, Under the terms of the Budget full poll-tax payers are being given back £140 to spend. The coffers of local government are to be filled up by an increase in VAT of 2.5 per cent.

If I have done my sums right, a single-person would have to spend well over £5,000 in the year on VAT-affected goods (or a married couple well over £10,000) before losing out. It doesn't look like a bad deal to me.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
JOHN PAGE,
Hitcham Lodge,
Taplow,
Maidenhead, Berkshire.
March 21.

From Mr Derek Walters

Sir, Let it not be forgotten that the purpose of the community charge was to make councils more accountable. Now it seems that the chargepayers of budget-conscious councils must pay, through VAT, for the excesses of the profligate ones.

Yours etc.,
DEREK WALTERS,
23 Polefield Road,
Boggart Ho' Clough, Manchester 9.

From Mr G. N. D. Locock

Sir, Would it not have been fairer if the Chancellor had reduced everyone's poll tax by a percentage of their present level, rather than by £140 across the board?

Those with the highest demands would then have got the largest rebates.

Yours faithfully,
G. N. D. LOCOCK,
Greengates, Whitsbury,
Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Down Lambeth way

From Mr Bernard Perkins

Sir, I was leader of Lambeth Council during the seemingly halcyon days from 1968-71. My fellow members included such latter-day luminaries as John Major and Sir George Young and we recruited a team of chief officers who were to gain national repute in their respective fields.

Despite the problems inherent to the area's location and demography, we were able to work happily together in the knowledge that solutions could be found. The records will show that substantial progress was made in a number of fields and that the council stood high in the league of inner-city authorities.

I do not accept the proposition that Lambeth is inevitably trapped in a spiral of decline. The current unhappy combination of financial chaos and deteriorating services is almost entirely due to the political posturing and incompetence of present and recent leaders. Clearly the need in the short term is to bring Lambeth's finances back into some semblance of order.

To achieve this, any council would need to embark on a programme that included the following features:

1. As many services as possible should be put out to tender, with council staff themselves having the opportunity to tender.
2. All legal steps should be taken to recover the mountain of debts owed to the council. Given the range of benefits and grants available to persons in genuine need, the current level of non-payment by tenants and others is inexcusable.
3. Maximum use must be made of all assets, including housing. Assets not put to use should be disposed of as soon as possible.
4. An urgent and continuous review of all non-serious functions should be carried out; this should include such areas as public relations and management services.

The current political debate about the financing of local government will benefit the people of Lambeth little unless there is an equally urgent debate about the expenditure side of the equation.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD PERKINS,
38 Cedar Close,
Dulwich, SE21.
March 15.

Loss of a flagship

From Mr Roger Bullock

Sir, Professional politicians, like mercenary soldiers, will fight for any cause so long as they get paid/elected. But out in the constituencies there are a lot of amateur politicians who can choose whether to fight for a cause or not.

Some people base their social life on the Conservative Party, but a vast number decided that it has principles similar to their own. If it now wants to change its principles, it may find that some of its supporters are not willing to do the same.

Some of us believed in the principles of the community charge, so convincingly explained by Margaret Thatcher and her ministers. We have championed it in leaflets and debates; we have defended it against its critics (although privately we were disappointed that ministers did not take more notice of improvements suggested by some constituencies). To depart from the principle of the community charge now will deprive us of credibility with the electorate, especially after all the money that has been spent on the bureaucracy which it required.

I for one hold the same principles as I did last November. I shall not be campaigning for any Heath or Heseltine type at the next election. I may not even vote unless the "principles of Margaret" are retained.

Yours truly,
ROGER BULLOCK
(Councillor, Manchester City Council, 1987-90),
7 Sidmouth Drive,
Blackley, Manchester.

From Mr John Copeland

Sir, Miss Hilary Muggridge (March 16) suggests that we in the UK should be truly grateful for having heard Mrs Thatcher absolutely free of charge, whereas she is now likely to receive £27,000 per speaking engagement.

When the present economic recession and the chaos over the poll tax are taken into account, it could be argued that we have paid a very high price indeed for our 11 years of lectures.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN COPELAND,
1 The Hall Yard,
Burton-by-Lincoln, Lincolnshire.

Gift of tongues

From Mr Albert Traynor

Sir, If Philip Howard (March 15) had access to *A Gaelic Dictionary* by R. A. Armstrong (London, James Duncan, 1825) he would have enjoyed this elaborate note on the word *taghairm*:

> The divination by the taghairm was once a noted superstition among the Gael, and in the northern parts of the Lowlands of Scotland. When any important question concerning futurity arose, and of which a solution was, by all means, desirable, some shrewder person than his neighbours was pitched upon, to perform the part of a prophet. This person was wrapped in the warm smoking hide of a newly-slain ox or cow, commonly an ox, and laid at full length in the wildest recess of some waterfall. The question was then put to him, and the oracle was left in solitude to consider it. Here he lay for some hours with his cloak of knowledge around him, and over his head, no doubt, to see the better into futurity; deafened by the incessant roaring of the torrent; every sense assailed; his body steaming; his fancy was in ferment; and whatever notion had found its way into his mind from so many sources of prophecy, it was firmly believed to have been communicated by invisible beings who were supposed to haunt such solitudes.

Yours faithfully,
A. TRAYNOR,
La Salle House, 4 Stream Street,
Downpatrick, Co. Down.

School religion

From the Reverend Professor Howard E. Marratt

Sir, The interesting article by Tom Murphy ("Religious education or indoctrination?", Education, March 18) perpetuates two factual errors which are the cause of much unnecessary criticism of worship in schools. Whatever the rights and wrongs of daily collective worship in schools (and many church people have doubts about it), the 1988 Education Reform Act requires that collective worship should reflect the broad traditions of Christian belief (*not* worship) and should do so, *not* daily, but on the majority of occasions "over any school term as a whole".

Nor is it helpful for your reporter to quote the words of church school officers as though they were intended to apply fully in county schools. The problems of worship in LEA schools to which the majority of members (and of the total population) send their children have been carefully addressed in our publication, *Collective Worship in County Schools*. This has been welcomed by the LEAs and by the head teachers and governors of both county and church schools.

Yours faithfully,
HOWARD MARRATT
(Education consultant),
The Free Church Federal Council,
27 Tavistock Square, WC1.

From the Chairman of the British Humanist Association

Sir, Tom Murphy did not explore the effect on non-religious families of the 1988 Act's compulsory worship clauses. Faced with the absurd situation where schools are the only places in England and Wales where daily religious worship is required by law, atheist, agnostic or humanist pupils have the dilemma of isolating themselves from their classmates by opting out of religious assemblies, or sitting through a meaningless — possibly offensive — act.

Compulsory school worship is particularly distressing to humanists who, along with parents and teachers of many different faiths, have been working for years to promote and cement assemblies which celebrate shared values held by all religions as well as non-theistic ethical traditions. In today's multi-faith but mainly secular society, this is the only valid way of encouraging a sense of school community at the same time as promoting tolerance and understanding between all pupils.

Attempts to set the clock back to a time of narrow religious indoctrination are educationally divisive and do nothing but disrupt already fragile inter-faith relationships.

Yours faithfully,
J. WYNNE WILLSON, Chairman,
British Humanist Association,
14 Lamb's Conduit Passage, WC1.

Cable TV monopoly

From the Chairman of the Cable Corporation

Sir, Mr Tony Young of the National Communications Union complains (March 14) that the proposals in the telecommunications White Paper will prevent British Telecom from competing with cable companies in the provision of cable television for ten years.

His protest shies away from at least two realities. First, BT has been involved in the provision of cable television in several franchises across the country, but in the last few years it has been selling them off as fast as it could.

Secondly, if BT were now allowed free rein to re-enter the cable television market, it could use the massive advantages it enjoys to kill off any new companies operating in this challenging field before they had a chance to become established.

If that happened, BT would continue the near-monopoly it now enjoys and the government would not realise its ambitions of creating an alternative telephony network at local level, which would bring the benefits of competition to the British public.

During the next five or six years, the cable industry is planning to invest some £5 billion in the creation of the telecommunications network of the most advanced design, and none of that cost will be borne by the taxpayer. Mr Young appears to deplore the prospect that much of the money will come from North America — a hostility his fellow union leaders do not display, for example, to Japanese investment in our industries.

The opportunity has now been created for British investors to take a positive look at the prospects for the cable industry in this country. I believe it is one which the more far-sighted among them will take.

Yours faithfully,
RAY WHITNEY, Chairman,
The Cable Corporation,
Cable House, Waterside Drive,
Langley, Berkshire.

From Mr W. Dixon

Sir, Tony Young argues for an ad-hoc concession to British Telecom which would reinforce its vertically-integrated network business by adding television to telephony. This is special pleading.

British Telecom had the same opportunity as anyone else to apply for cable television franchises. Indeed, it was the principal corporate investor in the UK cable TV industry during the 1980s. Last year BT sold all its franchises, oddly enough to North American companies.

The White Paper creates a basis for the efficient operation of market forces *within* the telecommunications industry, between multiple suppliers of different elements of telecommunications services with rights of mutual interconnection, not just between a few vertically-integrated companies. Such an environment will encourage, rather than discourage, the development of new technology, new products and services and market entrants capable of providing them.

Over the next decade, much of the UK will be "re-wired" for communications services. BT will be better able to play its part in this if it stops trying to be the monopolist.

Yours sincerely,
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March 15.

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Thailand's course looks set fair

From Sir William Harding

Sir, On my return from a visit to Thailand last week I was astonished to read and hear so much ill-informed criticism in the British press and parliament of the military coup which dislodged Prime Minister (formerly General) Chatichai and replaced his corrupt and ineffective government with an interim administration of well-qualified businessmen and technocrats (reports, February 25, 27; March 1, 2, 6).

This procedure may jar upon the delicate sensibilities of our Mother of Parliaments (a term which Saddam has invested with a new meaning), but it is entirely in line with historical practice in Thailand, ever since the absolute monarchy gave way to the present constitutional version in 1932.

Moreover, there are hardly any voices raised in Thailand's free press against the coup. The man in the street and the peasant in the field alike take very little interest in politics, being wholly concerned with the daily grind and quite content in the last resort to abide by the judgment of their universally revered king, who has given prompt approval to the interim regime.

The politicians who were swept out of power and its accompanying fleshpots with Chatichai are naturally aggrieved, more particularly as they were looking forward eagerly to using their dubiously acquired financial muscle to secure a resounding majority at the next election. It was that prospect, plus some clumsy intriguing against the armed forces chiefs, which precipitated this coup.

As it is, fresh elections are to be held under a new constitution approved by the king before the end of the year. The military have learned their lesson and are resolved not to interfere with those market-oriented economic policies which have brought a new, if as yet unevenly distributed, prosperity to Thailand over the past ten years.

Thus Thailand is now set on a course which, we must all hope, will restore both the internal harmony and the external reputation which the shenanigans of the outgoing government bid fair to forfeit. Let us judge the new government, described in the Bangkok *Nation* as the best action-oriented administration Thailand has ever had, on its practical achievements, and not by canons that can only hold sway in those fortunate societies that are both more highly developed and more egalitarian.

As for coups, did we not witness a remarkably underhand one in Downing Street not long ago? We may convince ourselves that between consenting parliamentarians of the same partisan colour any practice is admissible: but our Thai friends are more sceptical about the democratic propriety of such behaviour.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM HARDING,
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March 18.

Motorway disasters

From Mr Anthony Hussey

Sir, The accident on the M4 (report, March 14) brought forth the inevitable and inadequate reaction from the police. As always, they accused the motorists of driving too fast, which fact is self-evident. What the police never go on to ask is why Mr Average Motorist is hell-bent on self-destruction. While it only takes one idiot to initiate an accident, the great number of people are not mad and/or reckless.

I have driven between 30 and 50,000 miles a year for 30 years, and have a theory. Most people do slow down when they meet fog. They do not wish to take their eyes off the road or the brake lights of the car ahead. They are also warm, cocooned, and have lost a valuable reference point — the speed with which the countryside is passing by. They are therefore disoriented and liable to speed up because of subconscious pressure from the headlight behind.

The only answer is for more comprehensive warning signs, and for the police not to leave them on when they should be off, or vice versa. Excuses such as time lapses and weather changes carry no weight with regular road users.

Yours faithfully,
A. L. HUSSEY,
1 Pelham Close, Esher, Surrey.

From Mr Peter Bottomley, MP for Eltham (Conservative)

Sir, People die on US roads at twice the British rate per head of population ("Low speeds keep America safest", later editions, March 14). Most deaths in the UK are not in fog and not on motorways. Each day, without much attention, perhaps nine people die in urban crashes.

Yours sadly,
PETER BOTTOMLEY
(Under Secretary of State,
Department of Transport, 1986-9),
House of Commons.

Terminal dilemma

From Mr Rowan H. T. Dixon

Sir, The name "Liverpool Street" (letters, March 7, 11, 18) must stay. At Cambridge station it has long been a source of confusion for visitors that trains depart for both King's Cross and King's Lynn from the one platform. This effect was heightened two years ago: there are now trains to both Liverpool Street and Liverpool Lime Street.

Yours faithfully,
ROWAN H. T. DIXON,
21 Trumpington Road, Cambridge.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 22: The Queen today continued her visit to Merseyside and Greater Manchester and was received at Edge Hill Station, Liverpool by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Merseyside (Mr Henry Cotton).

Her Majesty, Patron, this morning visited the Royal School for the Blind, Liverpool and, having been received by Mr John Smith (President of the School) and the Headmaster (Mr Derek Marks), toured the School and unveiled a commemorative plaque to mark its Bicentenary.

Afterwards The Queen, Patron, visited the Oakwood Cheshire Home, Offerton, Stockport and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (*Colonel John* Timmins).

Her Majesty, escored by Dr P. Tweedy (Chairman of Oakwood), toured the Home and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Queen later honoured the Mayor of Stockport (Councillor Douglas West) with her presence at luncheon at Stockport *Town Hall*.

Afterwards Her Majesty went to Mersey Square and unveiled a plaque commemorating her visit to Stockport.

The Duchess of Grafton, Mr Robin Janvrin and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF, were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen's *Royal Irish Hussars*, was represented by Brigadier H. T. Pierson at the Funeral of Colonel Christopher Troughton which was held in the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Fressingfield, Eye, Suffolk, this afternoon.

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 22: Commandant A. Larken today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Commandant in Chief, Women's Royal Naval Service, upon relinquishing her appointment as Director of the Service.

Commandant A. Spencer also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming her appointment as Director of the Women's Royal Naval Service.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 22: The Prince of Wales, *Patron*, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund Appeal, received Macmillan Nurses at Highgrove, Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

Dinners

Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers
Mr David Bee, Chairman of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr William O'Neil, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation, and Mr Ray Kipling, RNLI, also spoke.

Dyfed Shrievalty
The Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed and Lady Mary Mansel Lewis attended a dinner of the Dyfed Shrievalty held last night at Trinity College, Carmarthen. The High Sheriff of Dyfed *presided and Mr Justice French* also spoke. Sir Geraint and Lady Evans and Lady French were among others present.

Association of County Court and District Registrars
The Right Hon the Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, accompanied by the Lady Mackay, attended the annual dinner of the Association of County Court and District Registrars held at the Law Society's Hall last night, and responded to the toast to the guests proposed by the president, District Judge F.J. Arnold. Other guests included:
The Right Hon Lord Justice Glidewell, *His Honour Judge Myerson, QC, His* Honour Judge Chalkley, Master Munrow, Mr T S Legg, CB, QC, Group Captain P G Taylor and Mr B H Forster.

Service dinners

Army Catering Corps
The Hon Archie Hamilton, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, was a speaker at a dinner held last night at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, to mark the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Army Catering Corps. Lieutenant-General Sir John Wilsey, Representative Colonel Commandant, ACC, presided.

Royal Marines
Major-General J.I.H. Owen presided at the annual dinner of the Royal Marines Officers' Dinner Club held last night at Lincoln's Inn. Mr Justice Davies, Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, and the Rev E.W. Jones, RN, were among the guests.

RAF Dinner Club
Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter *Harding, Chief of the Air Staff*, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the RAF Dinner Club held last night at the RAF Club. Air Commodore D.T. Davies presided. Among those present were:
Marshals of the RAF Sir Dermot Boyle, Sir John Grandy, Sir Michael Beetham and Sir Keith Williamson.

Northumbrian Universities Air Squadron
Professor Evelyn A.V. Ebsworth, Vice-Chancellor and Warden of Durham University, was the guest of honour at the 50th annual dinner of the Northumbrian Universities Air Squadron held last night at the Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle upon Tyne. Squadron Leader M.J. Baker presided. Air Marshal Sir Thomas Stonor, Group Director and Controller, National Air Traffic Services, and Air Vice-Marshal R.M. Austin, Air Officer Commanding and Commandant, RAF College Cranwell, were among those present.

Birthdays

TODAY: Professor H.C. Allen, American historian, 74; Mr Norman Bailey, baritone, 58; Sir Roger Bannister, master, Pembroke College, Oxford, and first man to run sub-four-minute mile, 62; Mr Bryan Bass, headmaster, City of London School, 57; Mr Barry Cryer, comedian and writer, 56; Marshal of the RAF Lord Elworthy, 80; Mr Peter Godfrey, chartered accountant, 67; Lord Jay, 84; Mr Akira Kurosawa, film director, 81; Sir David McNee, former commissioner of Metropolitan Police, 66; Mr Michael Manser, architect, 62; Mr Alfred Morris, MP, 63; Sir Ralph Perring, former Lord Mayor of London, 86; Mr Desmond Pitcher, electrical engineer, 56; Mr Sheridan Russell, medical social worker, 91; *Sir* Ian Todd, former president, Royal College of Surgeons, 70; Sir Edward Warner, diplomat, 80; Sir Denis Wright, diplomat, 80.

TOMORROW: Mr Roy Berridge, former chairman, South of Scotland Electricity Board, 69; Miss Barbara Daly, make-up artist, 46; Miss Jane Drew, architect, 80; Professor Stephen Elek, microbiologist and bacteriologist, 77; Judge James Fox-Andrews, 69; Mr Richard Giordano, chairman, BOC Group, 57; Professor John Hedgecoe, professor of photography, 54; Mr David Jewell, master, Haileybury and Imperial Service College, 57; Sir John Kendrew, former president, St John's Collge, Oxford, 74; Miss Sonia Lannaman, athlete, 35; Mr Benjamin Luxon, baritone, 54; Sir Peter Meinertzhagen, former general manager of the Commonwealth Development Corporation, 71; Judge Suzanne Norwood, 65; the Earl of Selborne, 51; Professor Dorothy Severin, Professor of Spanish, 49; Mr Alan Sugar, chairman, Amstrad, 44; Professor H.B. Whittington, geologist, 75; Mr P.S. Winfield, former senior partner, Healey and Baker, 64.

Stowe School

Stowe School announce the following results:
Stowe Scholarship Examination 1991
Major Scholarship: David Edwards, Beachborough, Brackley: Jonathan Morrison, Beachborough, Brackley.
Academic Exhibition: Daniel de la Bedoyère, Audley House, Bicester: Daniel Super, St Andrew's, Woking.
Day Boy Award: James Cracknell, York House, Rickmansworth.
Language Exhibition: Miles Walsworth-Bell, St Hugh's, Faringdon.
Roxburgh Scholarship: Duncan Cunningham, Eversfield, Solihull.
Music Scholarship: Thomas Adams, St George's, Windsor; Angus Havers, St Paul's Cathedral Choir, London; Angus McCarey, Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.
Art Exhibition: Serrol Osman, Papplewick, Ascot.

Royal Grammar School, Guildford

The Royal Grammar School, Guildford announces the following awards:
Age 11: King's Scholarship: A. Jack Russell, Lis Junior School. Scholarships: Colin E.L. Catt, Barnsbury Middle School; Daniel C. Koenigsberger, Cable House.
Age 13: King's Scholarship: Richard A.E. Edden, Haslemere. Scholarships: George W.G. Donne, Cranmore; Patrick J. Eaton, Cranmore; Henry C.J. Johnson, Cranmore.
Music Scholarships: Iestyn D.B. Porter, Lanesborough; Mark N.D. Evans, Royal Grammar School; Christopher S. Gibbons, Lanesborough; Owen J. Rodd, Downsend.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.B. Driscoll and Miss P.J. Mansell
The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr B.C. Driscoll and of Mrs M.E. Driscoll, of Ipswich, Suffolk, and Penelope, daughter of the late Wing Commander J.A. Mansell and of Mrs A.C. Barker, of Burley, Hampshire.

Mr R.K. Knox and Miss K.M. Nordmann
The engagement is announced between Richard Ker, son of Mr and Mrs W.S. Knox, of Mains of Glentruim, Inverness-shire, and Katherine Mary, daughter of Mr and *Mrs P. Nordmann, of Ellon*, Aberdeenshire.

Mr K.G. Perrins and Miss J.H. Long
The engagement is announced between Keith, only son of Mr and Mrs William Perrins, of Abergele, North Wales, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Long, of Colne Engaine, Essex.

Mr G. Ruddock and Miss P. Byrde
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey Ruddock, of Canterbury, son of the late Mr and Mrs L. Ruddock and of Mrs A.E. Ruddock, and Penelope, elder daughter of the late Major Henry Byrde and of Mrs Byrde, of Bath.

Mr A.T. Smith and Miss J. Lawton
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Smith, of Dorridge, Solihull, and Jill, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lawton, of Woore, Shropshire.

Mr S.D. Switzman and Miss V.M. Piepenstock
The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of the late Mr Joseph Switzman and the late Mrs Shirley Best, and stepson of Dr K.A. Best, of Toronto, and Victoria, daughter *of Mr and Mrs Brian* Piepenstock, of Link House, Pinner Hill, Middlesex.

OBITUARIES

EDWARD CALVERT

Edward Spence Calvert, OBE, a scientific officer at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, from 1928 to 1967, died on March 16 aged 89. He was born at Portadown, Northern Ireland, on March 5, 1902.

EDWARD Calvert was a research scientist who had many important developments in the sphere of aviation aids to his credit, notably runway visual approach systems. But among the more memorable assignments he undertook was the design of the spotlights which enabled the Lancaster bombers of 617 squadron to carry out one of the most famous air raids in Bomber Command's history — the attack on the Ruhr dams in 1943.

The idea for the lights came from Sir Ben Lockspeiser of the Ministry of Aircraft Production, but it was Calvert who came up with a workable design at a time when the whole operation was running desperately short of time in which to solve the vital question of how to maintain level flight at 60 feet, the height at which Barnes Wallis's dambusting bombs had to be released to achieve their precisely calculated effect. For weeks 617's aircrews had been plunging around the British countryside at perilously low levels in the darkness, cursing the ineffectiveness of their altimeters and frequently coming back to base with foliage from treetops jammed in their elevators. Guy Gibson, the leader of the raid, was near to despair. Lockspeiser's idea, put into practical effect by Calvert, was simplicity itself and provided a foolproof method of maintaining height. A spotlight under the nose and another under the belly of the aircraft were fixed to converge *at 60 feet below the aircraft* as they made their runs over water up to the dams. The rest is history.

Calvert was educated at the Methodist College, Belfast from where he won a scholarship, at the age of 16, to the Royal College of Science in Dublin. On leaving Dublin he went as a college apprentice to Metropolitan Vickers in Manchester where he had experience in all the workshops. One of the highlights of his time in Manchester was to go on the stage, with other apprentices from Metropolitan Vickers, as soldiers in *Aida*, in which Eva Turner was performing.

After Manchester Calvert went to the Royal Aircraft Establishment in Farnborough, to do research work. There one of his first major tasks was to respond to an urgent request to improve the light bulbs in the gun sights in fighter planes at the beginning of the war, as each time the guns were fired the lights went out. He saw what was needed and went quickly to bulb manufacturers to ask if they could reinforce the bulbs. After two unsuccessful requests, Siemens agreed to do *the job. Within* a few days, the new bulbs were made and Calvert took them round to fighter stations, where they were fitted into the guns. There was no more trouble.

Then Calvert received an SOS from the air officer commanding in Northern Ireland. Some of the aircraft on Atlantic patrol returning to base at Lough Foyle were crashing on the high hills in the narrow approach from the sea to the lough. Calvert went over to see the area and returned to the RAE where he evolved a scheme of sector lighting which he hoped would solve the problem. With the help of his assistant Jack Sparke, Calvert towed a generator from outside his office at Farnborough to Northern Ireland. The lights were erected and there were no more crashes. A grateful Northern Ireland air chief wrote a letter of thanks to them.

One of Calvert's main contributions to aviation safety was his work on landing lights at airports to help pilots land in poor visibility. After a great deal of research and test work on lights and runway markings at an airfield in California, Calvert and Jack Sparke flew to Berlin to see the first lights installed for the Berlin airlift in 1948. These proved so successful that, when pilots flew in, after being also talked down by the control tower operators, they said they could come in better themselves, using the lights. The American air officer commanding came to the runway, found Calvert and Sparke and thanked them for their work which had speeded up the airlift so radically. From that point on the Calvert line-and-bar approach lighting system has been widely employed throughout the world and supplemented by his development of the RA-Thorn visual glide path indicator.

For his contribution to aviation safety Calvert was awarded in 1980 the Monsanto Aviation Safety Award, an American honour of which he was the first non-American recipient. He received many other awards for his work on air safety.

After retiring as head of the illumination section at Farnborough in 1967 his great interests were reading, gardening and walking in the country.

He leaves his widow Margaret, whom he married in 1960. There were no children.

LORD HOLMPATRICK

Lord Holmpatrick, third baron, has died at Trim, Ireland, aged 62. He was born on November 29, 1928.

JAMES, Lord Holmpatrick was a quintessential member of the vanishing Anglo-Irish protestant ascendancy. He was a great-great-grandson of Wellington; his grandfather, the first baron, was the last unionist member of parliament returned to Westminster for the County of Dublin.

Holmpatrick succeeded as third baron in 1942. He was at school at Eton and served in the Lancers for five years before returning to live in Ireland. The family estate had been sold and he earned a living for many years as an executive at the Turf Club where he became Keeper of the Matchbook in 1974. It is probably true to say that his services to the club did not obtain the recognition they deserved and he moved in the late Seventies to Kenya where he was secretary of the Jockey Club.

In recent years he ran shoots and fishing holidays in Ireland and was active on the committees of the Royal Dublin Society. He was a central figure in the ex-Unionist Kildare Street Club and member of the Masonic Order and was active in protestant charities.

He inherited the short spoken practicality of his ancestor the great Duke. He was a good committee man with an enviable capacity for summing up arguments and it may be that this talent never had the outlets it deserved. He had about him an appealing smoothness of style and was an able conciliator. He was a hard worker and in his modest way always happy to play a background role rather than claim a prominent position. He had an initial reserve but was the best of fun and an entertaining raconteur when at his ease. He bore the reverses and sorrows of his life with fortitude and asked nobody to share his burdens. If he had a fault it was that he under-rated his own abilities. He was a very private person and not much interested in public affairs. Although he took his seat in the House of Lords he never spoke.

His former wife and three sons survive him. The eldest, Hans Hamilton, succeeds him.

LAVINIA SMILEY

Lavinia Smiley, author, painter and donor of Castle Fraser to the National Trust for Scotland, has died aged 72. She was born on February 7, 1919.

LAVINIA Smiley was an artist and writer who gave one of north-eastern Scotland's finest houses, Castle Fraser, to the nation. The grand-daughter of Weetman Pearson, first Viscount Cowdray, founder of one of Britain's greatest business empires, and daughter of Clive Pearson, his younger son whose acumen was largely responsible for extending the family's wealth, she was brought up in great opulence.

Her childhood, poignantly and amusingly described in the evocative memoirs of her early youth, *A Nice Clean Plate*, was a curious mixture of strictness and tormenting shyness amid security and humour, as the title, echoing a nanny's exhortation, implies. "We were all dressed alike," she recalled. "If our clothes had not already been laid out, our first question was: 'What are you wearing today?' If it was something yellow — or even something threaded with yellow ribbon — I was nearly always sick. We were sick a great deal. It was brought on not only by being driven about in large yellow Rolls-Royces but also by any kind of emotion."

Worse, yellow was her grandparents' prescribed colour — for the windows and doors of all their houses, as well as for cars and even prams. ("Lord Lonsdale also had everything yellow", she wrote, "But his colour was nearer primrose than butter. Ours was Jersey butter".)

After the war, she and Major Michael Smiley, whom she married in 1939, set about improving the castle and estate of Castle Fraser, acquired by the Pearsons from the last Mackenzie-Fraser owner after the first world war. Generously endowed and exquisitely restored, it was made over to the National Trust for Scotland in 1977, while the Smileys continued to farm, entertain and do many good works for the county of Aberdeen from the castle's charmingly converted stables.

Lavinia Smiley wrote seven well-received children's books, as well as the National Trust's book on Castle Fraser and a scholarly and touching chronicle of 19th century life, *The Frasers of Castle Fraser*. She was a skilled illustrator, with a distinctive half pen-and-wash technique, which has captured the flavour of many houses, simple as well as grand, across the country.

Though shy and sometimes retiring, she had strength of character, kindness, wit and a sense of fun that won her many devoted friends and admirers.

She is survived by her husband, two sons and a daughter.

NORAH SCHUSTER

Norah Henriette Schuster, past president of the Association of Clinical Pathologists, died on March 14 aged 98. She was born on July 14, 1892.

THE daughter of Professor Sir Arthur Schuster, FRS, Norah Schuster was educated at Newnham College, Cambridge, where she got a first in the natural science tripos, and she qualified from the Manchester Medical School in 1918. Her interest in the relatively new speciality of clinical pathology led her to work in the laboratory of Manchester Royal Infirmary under Professor H. R. Dean. Later she became house physician at St George's Hospital, and then resident pathologist at the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square.

Dr Schuster was a practising clinical pathologist in the early days when it was an underprivileged speciality, but of great potential importance. She ensured that as clinical pathologist she became a key figure in the running of her hospitals. Her main appointment was at the Royal Chest Hospital, City Road, London, where she worked from 1927 to 1939 and from 1943 to 1954 when the hospital was demolished. From 1939 to 1943 she was in the emergency medical service. She wanted to retire at the end of the war, but was persuaded to start a pathological department at Pinewood Hospital, Woking. She finally retired in 1959.

Her peregrinations are vividly described in her memoir "A clinical pathologist day by day" which was published for private circulation in 1983. In 1950 she was elected the first woman president of the Association of Clinical Pathologists.

Dr Schuster became an enthusiastic founder fellow of the College of Pathologists — now the Royal College of Pathologists — in 1962. She was made an honorary fellow in 1981. Two years later she was made an honorary fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine. Her interest in medical history led her to make substantial donations to the library of the Royal College of Pathologists. She was a keen historian, and published several papers on this subject.

Dr Schuster inspired deep devotion in her numerous friends. Although restricted by disability in later years, she continued to get to meetings, and she was a familiar figure at the Osler Club and other medical societies.

Although known professionally by her maiden name of Schuster, she married Marriott Nicholls FRCS in 1924, who predeceased her. There were no children.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: William Smith, geologist, Churchill, Oxon, 1769; Alfred Milner, Viscount Milner, imperialist, Giessen, Germany, 1854; Juan Gris, painter, pioneer *of Cubism, Madrid*, 1887; Joan Crawford, film actress, San Antonio, Texas, 1908; Donald Campbell, holder of land and water speed records, Horley, Surrey 1921.

DEATHS: Thomas Holcroft, dramatist and novelist, London, 1809; August von Kotzebue, dramatist, murdered, Mannheim, Germany, *1819*; Stendhal, pseudonym of Marie-Henri Beyle, novelist, Paris, 1842; Raoul Dufy, the painter, Forcalquier, France, 1953.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: William Morris, poet, artist, printer and socialist, Walthamstow, Essex, 1834; Sials K. Hocking, novelist and preacher, Brannel, Cornwall, 1850; Olive Schreiner, writer, Wittebergen, South Africa, 1855.

DEATHS: Elizabeth I, reigned 1558-1603, Richmond, 1603; Philip Dormer Stanhope, 4th Earl of Chesterfield, statesman and writer, London, 1773; John Harrison, horologist, inventor of the marine chronometer, London, 1776; Paul I, emperor of Russia 1796-1801, assassinated, Leningrad, 1801; Mary Tighe, poet, Woodstock, co Kilkenny, 1810; Bertel Thorwaldsen, sculptor, Copenhagen, 1844; Henry Wandsworth Longfellow, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1882; Jules Verne, Amiens, 1905; John Millington Synge, dramatist, Dublin, 1909; Enrique Granados, composer, drowned at sea, 1916; Mrs Humphrey Ward, novelist, London, 1920; Auguste Piccard, scientist and explorer of the stratosphere and sea depths, *Lausanne, 1962*.

Monmouth School

Monmouth School has made the following awards for September 1991:
Sixth Form Scholarship: J.V. Peppenbeck, St Clare's Convent, Porthcawl; Sixth Form Music Exhibition: K.H. Griffiths, Lampeter Comprehensive.
13 Year Old Entry
Foundation Scholarships: G.R. Lloyd, Tockington Manor, near Bristol; Exhibitions: J.A. Giblett, St John's, Porthcawl; T.W.F. Mundy, St Richard's, Bredenbury Court; Music Scholarship: J. Hopkins, St Paul's Cathedral Choir School.
11 Year Old Entry
Open Scholarship: M.A. Ackroyd, St Mary's RC Junior School, Chepstow; Major Scholarships: M.D. Francis, E.J. Cook and D.K. Shute, The Grange, Monmouth; P.M. Emberson, Llanfoist County Primary; Music Exhibitions: A.D. Milledge, taught at home; R.J. Stiltoce, The Grange, Monmouth.

Church services tomorrow

Palm Sunday

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 10.50 Blessing of Palms, Procession & S Euch, Hosanna (Weelkes), Missa Super bell'Amfitrit altera (Lassus), Passion (Victoria), Gloria laus (Perez); 3.15 E, Responses (Tomkins), Stanford in B flat, Glory and honour and laud (Wood); 6.30 Sermon & Compline, Rev J H R de Saumarez.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 9.30 M; 10 S Euch & Procession of Palms, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), Pueri Hebraeorum (Vittoria), St Mark Passion (Moore); 4 E, Responses (Moore), Gloucester Service (Howells), Glory and honour and laud (Wood), Canon R Hockley.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, *Blessing & Distribution of Palms*; 8.30 M; 10.30 HC, Distribution, Blessing & Procession of Palms, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), The Gospel of Passion according to St Mark (Sanders), Rev C Hill; 3.15 E, Responses (Aylesward), Gray in F minor, Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons), Rt Rev M Fish.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30 Blessing of Palms, Procession & Abbey Euch, Missa Brevis (Walton), Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), St Matthew Passion (Vittoria); 3 E, Responses (Neary), Weelkes Service *in five parts*, Miserere mei (Allegri), Canon D Gray; 5.45 Organ Recital, *Andrew* Lumsden; 6.30 ES, The Dean.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Hosanna (Weelkes), Ave verum (Elgar), Palm Sunday Dramatic Reading; 3 E, Sumsion in G, Miserere (Allegri), Canon P Penwarden.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7.30 Mass; 10 SM, Blessing & Procession of Palms, Ingrediente Domino (Malcolm), Christus factus est (Anerio), Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons), Ave verum corpus (Byrd); 2.30 Organ Recital, Richard Walker; 3.30 V & B, Magnificat octavi toni (Lassus), Pueri Hebraeorum (Victoria).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10 (Children's Mass), 6 LM; 11.20 Procession of Palms; 11.30 HM, Hosanna Filio David (Terry), Pueri Hebraeorum (Palestrina), Canon J P Pannett.

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W11: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Walton), Canon C A C Hill.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 S Euch, Byrd (four part), Rt Rev J Bickersteth.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Hosanna (Palestrina), Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons), The Chaplain.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), Glory and honour (Wood), Rt Rev R D Say. The Blues and Royals: 12 HC.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 10 HC (St John's Chapel); 11 M, Responses (Morley), Britten in C, Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons), Rev R D Gould.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), Responses (Smith), *The Lamentations of Jeremiah (Bairstow)*, Ireland in C, *Glory* and honour and laud (Wood), The Master.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Ireland in C, Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons), Rev W J D Sirr.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Sumsion & Stanford in B flat, Hosannah to the Son of David; 3.30 Festival of Nine Lessons & music.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev I Thurston.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 8.15 LM; 11 HM, Rachmaninov in B flat, Praise to Thee Lord Jesus (Schutz), Rev Dr J A Cullen; 6 E & B, Rachmaninov in B flat, Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons), *Rev J A* Younger.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev Dr J Stott; 6.30 Rev S Wookey.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8, 12 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, Rev J H L Cross; 6 E, Preb C E L Thomson.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: *8 HC; 11 S Euch*.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Euge Bone (Tye), Christus factus est (Anerio), Passion according to St Mark (Victoria), Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes).

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10.30 Family Service & HC, Dr Dick Anderson; 6.30 Informal Service, Dr Dick Anderson.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30, 12.05 HC; 11 MP, Rev Dr M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.45 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev K Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 10.30 Procession & HM, Missa Brevis in C (Willan), Preb J Gaskell; 5.30 LM.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 M & Euch, Harwood in A flat, Stanford in G, Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons), Canon J Oates; 6.30 Stainer's Crucifixion.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 9.45 HC; 10.45 Palm Procession & S Euch, L'hora Passa (Viadana), Hide not thou thy face (Farrant), The Vicar.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Euch, Fr M Day; 6.30 EP, Fr M Day.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), The Rector.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8, 12 HC; 11 MP, Rev P Faunch; 6.30 EP, Rev G C Taylor.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch, The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC; 11 MP, "Jerusalem Joy"; 6.30 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 *HC; 11 Procession, reading of the* Passion and Euch, St James's Singers, Missa O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria); 5.45 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Seiber), God so loved the world (Stainer), Rev G Buckle; 6 E, Humphrey in F, Bow thine ear (Byrd), The Vicar.

ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC; 10 Parish Euch with Children's Church, Procession with donkey, Canon T Birchard; 6.30 Evening Worship, Rev O Ross.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 LM; 11 Palm Procession & SM, Fr G Bright; 6 Stations of the Cross & B.

ST JOHN THE DIVINE, Vassall Rd, SW9: *8 LM; 10 HM, Mass for five voices (Byrd)*, Passion according to St Matthew (Victoria), Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes); 4 E.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion; 11 S Euch, Missa Quarti Toni (Vittoria), St Matthew Passion (Vittoria), Crucifixus (Lotti).

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, The Passion, Messe solennelle (Langlais), Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons); 6.30 The Way of the Cross.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: *8 HC; 10 Family Communion*; 11 S Euch, Darke in A minor, All glory laud and honour (Teschner, arr Bach); 6.30 EP, Collegium Regale (Howells), Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), Rev T Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Blessing of Palms & S Euch, Darke in E, Passion according to St Matthew (Vittoria), Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons).

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, The Passion Gospel, Benedictus qui venit (Palestrina); 11.30 Visitors to London Service, The Vicar; 2.45 Cubnest Service (EP), Rev G Lee; *5 E, Is it nothing to you* (Ouseley), *Responses* (Smith of Durham), Blair in B minor, Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons); 6.30 ES, 'Relationships', Rev J Pridmore.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Blessing and Distribution of Palms; 11.15 M, The Vicar; 6.30 Brahm's Requiem.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 7 LM; 10 Procession from St Barnabas & HM, Pueri Hebraeorum, O vos omnes, Passion according to St Matthew (Victoria), Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), Christus factus est (Anerio), Improperium (Lassus); 6.15 Stations of the Cross & B at St Barnabas.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), The Passion according to St Matthew (Plainchant), Improperium est cor meum (Lassus); 6.30 E, Rev J Chater.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: 11 Sung Communion with Distribution of Palm Crosses, Rev E Thompson.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 11 Palm Sunday Family Service, Rev D C L Prior; 7 ES & HC, Rev J Crossley.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Euch, Blessing, Distribution & Procession of Palms, Hereford Service (Berkeley), The Passion (Victoria), Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Pueri Hebraeorum (Victoria), The Passion Gospel (Victoria), Tristis est anima mea (Lassus).

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Missa Vinum bonum (Lassus), Hosanna (Gibbons), St Mark Passion (Ridgley-Whitehouse), Hosanna (Weelkes), Fr D Tilyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8, 7.30 HC; 11 MP, Britten in C, Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), Rev G James; 6 E, Rev G James.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 10.45 SM, Missa Surge propera (Victoria), Passion Gospel (Schutz), Fr C Colven; 6 E & B, Fr C Colven.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 SM with Blessing of Palms, Parish Mass (Allcoat), Passion of St Matthew.

THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 10.15 Stations of the Cross; 11 SM, Missa O Quam gloriosum est regnum (Victoria), Pueri Hebraeorum (Victoria), Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes); 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev J H McIndoe; 6.30 The Passion of Christ (Handel).

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 Rev H G Ross.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 10.45 Mass in G (Schubert), Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Pueri Hebraeorum (Vittoria), O vos omnes (Weltz).

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Passion according to St Mark (Soriano), Improperium expectavi (Lassus), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Civitas sancti tui (Byrd).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Christus factus est (Vigornienses), Gloria laus (Perez), Mass for five voices (Berkeley), O Mensch bewein dein Sunde gross (Bach).

ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10, 11 Missa Quinti Toni (Lassus), Gloria laus (Tye), Ave verum (Byrd), 12.15, 6.30.

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11.15 Blessing of Palms & SM, Christus factus est (Anerio), Improperium expectavit (Palestrina).

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 10.30 Rev E Waugh.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev P Hoar; 4.30 Ecumenical Service; 6.30 Rev L Griffiths.

KENSINGTON TEMPLE (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9, Communion, Wynne Lewis; 11, Celebration, Wynne Lewis; 2.30, Celebration, Colin Dye; 6.30, Musical Evening, Colin Dye; 9 Late on Sunday, Chris Cartwright.

KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11 Rev P Lovett; 6.30 Mrs M Cowley.

REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbyterian-Congregational), Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 Rev Dr R K Scopes; 6.30 Music fo Palm Sunday.

SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford St W1: 11, 3 (Music), 6.30.

ST ANDREW'S URC, Frognal Lane NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 HC, Rev V F Frazier; 7 Choral V, Requiem (Rutter), Rev W D Swanson.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, NW8: 11 Rev A McLellan.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MP, Rev P Holme.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30, Rev Dr R J Tudor.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.

WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Prized Parham

Parham, a stone built period house near Pulborough, West Sussex, has been named winner of the Garden of the Year award organised by Christie's and the Historic Houses Association. The Elizabethan house is the home of Mrs Veronica Tritton, granddaughter of the first Viscount Cowdray.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Air Marshal Sir Michael Graydon to be Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Strike Command and Commander in Chief UK Air on May 31, in the rank of Air Chief Marshal. He succeeds Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine, whom he will also succeed as Joint Commander for Operation Granby, and who is retiring from the Service.

Air Vice-Marshal G. M. Ferguson to be Air Officer Administration Headquarters Strike Command, from March 28, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal B. L. Robinson.

Service luncheon

Brigadier M.A. Atherton, Deputy Colonel of The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment), presided at the annual luncheon for officers and their ladies held yesterday at The Queens Club.

Marriages

Mr N.A.V. Flint and Miss A. Parry-Williams
The marriage took place yesterday at Chelsea Old Church of Mr Noël Flint, son of the late Mr M.J. Flint and of Lady Rougier, of Kensington, SW7, and stepson of Sir Richard Rougier, to Miss Amanda Parry-Williams, daughter of Dr H.W. Parry-Williams and the late Mrs Parry-Williams, of Datchet, Berkshire. Prebendary C. E. Leighton Thomson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Julia Flint, Caroline Flint, Flora Cusack, Olivia Cusack and Christopher Kemp. Mr Peter Mullen was best man.

A reception was held at Crosby Hall and the honeymoon will be spent in Bangkok.

Mr T.H. Hargreaves and Mrs M.E. Cowmeadow
The marriage took place on Saturday, March 16, 1991, in Oakham, between Mr Theo Hargreaves and Mrs Margot Cowmeadow (née Pitkin).

Memorial services

Lord Kaberry of Adel
The Prime Minister was represented by Mr Timothy Kirkhope, MP, at a memorial service for Lord Kaberry of Adel held yesterday at St Michael's, Headingley, Leeds.

Canon O.A. Conway officiated. Major-General V.H. John Carpenter read the lesson and Sir Graham Macmillan gave an address.

Rear-Admiral Philip Powlett
The Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk was represented by Mr James Alston at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Rear-Admiral *Philip Powlett* held yesterday in Norwich Cathedral.

The Dean of Norwich officiated, assisted by Canon David Bishop, who led the prayers. Mr Christopher Powlett and Commander Hugh Powlett, sons, read the lessons and the Very Rev Dr Alan Webster gave an address.

University Pitt Club

The University Pitt Club will hold a dinner at Merchant Taylors' Hall, EC2, on Friday, May 10, 1991. Members wishing to attend should write to Simon Duckworth, UPC, Jesus Lane, Cambridge.

Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them. Remember those who are suffering, as though you were suffering as they are.
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BIRTHS

BLACK-HAWKINS - On March 12th, to Kristine and Hugh, a son, Piers David, brother to Oliver and Harriet.

CRAWFORD - On March 22nd 1991, in Oxford, to Elizabeth (née Mansell) and James, a son, Robert James Russell, a brother for Martha and Catherine.

DASHWOOD - On March 21st, to Lucinda (née Miesegaes) and Edward, a daughter, Victoria Lucinda.

EGGINS - On March 13th 1991, to Priscilla and Stephen, a son, Hamish, a brother for Edmund and George.

GREAVES - On March 11th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Marion and Justin, a son, Frederick (Freddie) James Lionel, a brother for Juliet, *Alexander and Russell.*

HARKNESS - On March 18th, to William and Philippa (née Lubomirski), a daughter, Gabriella Maria, a sister for Francesca and Edward.

KEENE - On March 21st 1991, at West London Hospital, Hammersmith, to Annette Sara (née Goodman) and Raymond Dennis Keene O.B.E., a son, Alexander Philip Simon.

KERCK - On March 21st, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Wolfgang and Dominique, a son, Antoine Amadeus.

LEWIS - On March 21st, in Bristol, to Gaynor (née Arnold) and Steve, a daughter, Kirsty Elizabeth.

LOVELL - On March 16th, at The Royal London Hospital, to Sandra and Martin, a son, Michael Daniel.

MANSELL - On March 17th, to Alex (née Jennings) and John, a son, James Edward Alexander.

PATEL - On Wednesday March 20th, to Charanjit (née Grewal) and Yogesh, a son, Nikhil.

PETHICA - On March 21st, in Basle, to Felicity (née Allinson) and Damian, a son, Patrick Quentin, a brother for James and Claire.

PURDON - On March 22nd, in California, to Caroline (née Barker) and Patrick, a daughter, Victoria, sister for Brooke and Devereux.

RATCLIFFE - On March 17th, to Clare (née Fisher) and David, a son, Patrick.

SEELEY - On March 18th, to Claire (Dr. Jennings) and Michael, a daughter, Olivia Elizabeth.

SIDWELL - On March 21st, at St Luke's, Guildford, to Nicola (née Goold) and Rowland, a daughter, Charlotte Emily Pearson.

WHALLEY - On March 17th, to Debbie (née Forsyth) and Anthony, a son, Richard Oliver Colin, a brother for Alexander.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

SERGEANT:SORFLEET - On March 24th 1951, at Spilsby Methodist Church, Lincolnshire, John Stewart to Jean Eudora.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

TENCH:EDWARDS - On March 24th 1931, in Rio de Janeiro, Rowland Wingrave Tench to Greta Edwards.

DEATHS

BEECHEY - On March 20th, suddenly and peacefully, Canon George Emyr Beechey, of Lake Road East, Cardiff, a much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Christchurch, Lake Road North, Cardiff, on Tuesday March 26th at 12.15 pm, followed by cremation at Mid-Glamorgan Crematorium, Coychurch. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Heart Research Fund c/o Mr I.M. Breckenridge, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff.

BURN - On March 22nd, peacefully at Carisbrooke Lodge Nursing Home, Steyning, Dorothy, widow of Rodney Burn R.A.

CHASE - On March 22nd 1991, peacefully in Godalming, Ramsay (Bim), aged 82, beloved husband of Marnie, dearly loved father of Malcolm, Robert and Venetia and much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium, 2pm Thursday March 28th. Enquiries Gorringe & Son, (0483) 416403.

COHEN - On March 22nd, at home, Jack, dearly loved husband of Sarah and stepfather of Isabella and Christopher Judd. Cremation strictly private. Donations if desired to St Mary's Church Fabric Fund, High Easter.

DIMITRIU - On March 18th 1991, peacefully at St Mary's Hospital, Maria, widow of Constantin, beloved sister of Bozena. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, NW11, on Wednesday March 27th at 12 noon. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Salvation Army.

ELSDON - On January 17th 1991. Killed in Action in Gulf War. Wing Commander Thomas Nigel Charles, OC No 27 Squadron RAF. Loving father of India and husband of Michaela, beloved son of Group Captain and Mrs T.A.F. Elsdon, brother of Rosemary, grandson of the late Squadron Leader and Mrs T.W. Elsdon. Funeral Service at RAF Marham, 1 Pm on March 27th; thereafter family burial. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to RAF Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London, in his memory.

ESMONDE WHITE - On March 14th 1991, in Johannesburg, Dr. Maureen Frances, F.R.C.S. Ed., aged 86, after a short final illness. Courageous and loved friend of the Rice and Painter families and countless others in Britain and South Africa. Sadly missed by all her friends and colleagues. The funeral has already taken place. Enquiries to (081) 883-3579.

GILBEY - On March 21st, aged 96, Mary (née Jump, of The Chantry, Ipswich). Widow of Frank, of Little Hallingbury, Essex and latterly of Cucklington, Somerset. Well loved by many.

GOLDING - On March 14th, peacefully, Dr. Sydney Robert Golding M.A., aged 98, Headmaster (retired), chief examiner and author of English textbooks. Husband of the late Lily, father of Peter and Michael, loving grandfather of James, Alexander and Giles. A truly dignified and modest man who will be forever in our thoughts.

GORDON - On March 20th, The Reverend Ernest, aged 81 years, suddenly after a fall, much loved and loving husband of the late Leonore and since of Bettina, father of John, grandfather of Stephen and Harriet, twin brother of Marianne, possibly the last of the German Pastors who owed their lives to Bishop Bell of Chichester. Requiem Eucharist at St Michael's, Broome, Norfolk, on Thursday March 28th at 12 noon. No flowers, donations for Parkinson Disease Society c/o Coffey Funeral Service, 12 Chaucer Street, Bungay, Suffolk.

HANKEY - On March 21st 1991, Mary Isobel, aged 90, at Dunstan Hill Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, wife of the late Dr. G.T. Hankey O.B.E., F.R.C.S., formerly of Oxted. Funeral St Peter's Church, Tandridge, 12.30 Wednesday March 27th, followed by burial. No flowers.

JEFFREYS - On March 21st, Phyllis Aline, of Sketty, Swansea. Beloved wife of the *late Griffith, dearly loved* mother and mother-in-law of Penelope and Richard and Suzanne and Roger and adored grandmother of Charlotte and James. Funeral at 11 am on Tuesday April 2nd at St Paul's, Sketty, Swansea, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please.

KEEN - On March 22nd 1991, Arthur Francis, aged 62 years, at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey, dearly loved and *devoted husband of Georgina* (Gina) and much loved and respected father of Sarah and Sarita. Funeral Service at the Town Church on Thursday March 28th at 2 pm. No *flowers by request.* If desired donations in lieu to R.N.L.I. Guernsey c/o Hon. Treasurer, Board of Administration, Bulwer Avenue, St Sampson's or Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Ash House, The Bordage, St Peter Port, Guernsey.

McIVOR - On March 21st, at The MacMillan Unit, Salisbury, Phyllis, beloved wife of John and well loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Tuesday March 26th at 3.45 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for the Salisbury Hospice Care Trust c/o Will Case and Partners, 22 Churchfields Road, Salisbury, Wilts., SP2 7NH.

OLIPHANT - On March 18th, after a short illness, Muriel, only daughter of the late Mr & Mrs Francis Oliphant. All enquiries to A. France & Son, (071) 405-4901.

PYE - On March 21st 1991, peacefully in Guernsey after a long illness, Colonel John Francis Edwin, beloved husband of Susan, father of Michael, *grandfather of* David, late R.A.S.C./R.C.T., aged 82 years. No flowers by request. If desired donations in lieu to Guernsey Society for Cancer Relief, c/o Hon. Treasurer, Villa du Gust, Albecq, Castel, Guernsey.

RICH - On March 19th 1991, suddenly, Gwyneth Brydon Rich (née Jones) of Botesdale, wife of the late Colonel E.P. Rich, late QVO Corps of Guides, greatly loved mother of Philip and James and much loved mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation service at Bury St Edmunds on Tuesday March 26th at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Royal British Legion. Memorial Service to be announced later. Enquiries to Palmers of Long Melford.

RUCK KEENE - *On March* 21st, peacefully at home, Anne, beloved wife of Thomas, dearly loved mother of Laura, Mister, Jules, Simon and Will; and much loved grandmother. Funeral Service at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Ewelme, at 3 pm on Tuesday March 26th. No letters please and family flowers only, but donations if desired to West Berks Marie Curie Nurses Fund, Dellwood, Liebenrood Road, Reading.

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THOMAS - On March 20th 1991, Edith Wantee, peacefully at home in Chelsea, aged 76. Cremation at Putney Vale on Wednesday March 28th at 1.30 pm. No flowers please. Donations to Friends of the Tate Gallery.

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YARBOROUGH - On March 21st 1991, at Brocklesby, John Edward Pelham, 7th Earl of Yarborough. Funeral for family only. Memorial Service to be announced at a later date.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

BYRNE - Sandra. To a sister I cannot remember, who is never forgotten. Leslie.

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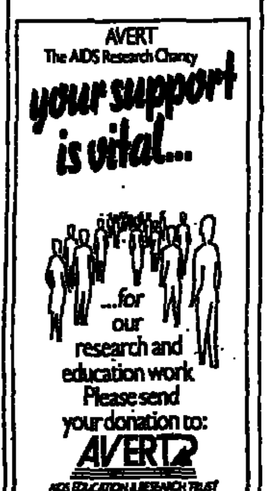
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ENTERTAINMENTS

THEATRES

LONDON PALLADIUM B/O & CC 071 437 7373 CC (bkg fee) 071 497 9977 (24 hrs) 071 379 4444 081 741 9999 Grps 071 240 7941
5 OLIVIER NOMINATIONS including BEST MUSICAL REVIVAL Kern and Hammerstein's SHOW BOAT "Best Song Musical I Have Ever Heard On The West-End Stage" Gdn Eves 7.30 Mats Wed Sat 2.30 The Opera North/RSC Production Directed by Ian Judge Limited Season Until 18 May

LYRIC, Shafts Ave 071 437 3686 cc 24hrs (no bkg fee) 379 4444 "SONG & DANCE DYNAMITE" Daily Mail FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE Nominated For 4 Olivier Awards "A JOYOUS WALLOPING HIT" Guardian "The joint never stops jumpin'" Time Out (Mon-Fri 8.00 Sat at 6.00 & 8.45) APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS AND CANCELLATIONS

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 081 741 2311 (cc no bkg fee 071 836 3464) WELSH NATIONAL OPERA's acclaimed chamber version of Hansel & Gretel by Humperdinck 2.30 & 7.30pm - TWO WEEKS ONLY Tickets Still Avail! STUDIO 081 741 8701 FEASTING ON AIR by Suzy Gilmour 4.30 & 8pm

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ART GALLERIES

JOANNA BOOTH Exhibition of Old Master and Decorative Drawings. 247 Kings Road, SW3. 071-352 8998. 19th March - 12th April.

RI - Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours Annual Exhibition. The Mall Galleries The Mall London SW1. 21st March - 13th April (including Sundays And Easter). 10am-5pm

ROY MILES GALLERY 29 Bruton St. W1 071-495 4747 BRITISH MONTH Mon-Fri 10-6, Sats 10-1.

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THE MEDICI GALLERIES, 7 Grafton Street, London W1. 071-62 8676 Exhibitions of Paintings by Ishbel McWhirter 22nd March - 4th April, Monday-Friday -5.30pm.

CINEMAS

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St, off Charing Cross Rd 071 240 9661 Elizabeth Perkins Joan Plowright in Barry Levinson's AVALON (U) Progs at 12.30 (not Sun) 3.05 5.40 8.15 Last Week. From Fri MISTER JOHNSON (12)

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 071 465 8865 Paul Newman Joanne Woodward in Merchant Ivory's MR AND MRS BRIDGE (PG) Progs at 1.00 (not Sun) 3.30 6.00 8.40

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 071 439 4805. Richard Harris John Hurt Tom Berenger in THE FIELD (12) Progs at 1.50 (not Sun) 3.50 6.10 8.30

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM 071-836 3161 cc 071 240 5258 cc 1st Call 071 240 7200 (24hr / 7 day) 071 379 4444 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't & Mon 8.00 SALOME Tue 7.30 LEAR (Last Perf)

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MARCH 23

ON THIS DAY

1868

Sir George Grove (1820-1900), editor of the first edition of the great musical dictionary that bears his name, in company with Sir Arthur Sullivan, went to Vienna in 1867, where they made some exciting Schubert discoveries. Grove was a great admirer of Clara Schumann, and of the music of her husband, Robert Schumann, of which she was so splendid an interpreter.

CONCERTS

The Philharmonic Society, the oldest institution of its kind in England, has given the first of its series of eight concerts — as usual, in the Hanover-square Rooms. The programme was interesting for more reasons than one, but most of all because it contained the two movements of Schubert's unfinished symphony in B minor, of which no more was written by the young genius, so early to be snatched away with the exception of a few bars of the *scherzo*.

For these exquisitely beautiful movements, the musical world is indebted to Mr. George Grove, of the Crystal Palace, an indefatigable and enthusiastic musical amateur. Mr. Grove we have equally to thank for several other welcome things by Schubert that might, but for him, have still remained buried in the private library of a Viennese Doctor, and for none more heartily than for the music to the drama of *Rosamunde* and the symphony in C minor (No. 4), which bears the curiously inappropriate title, its almost humours character taken into consideration, of *"Tragic Symphony"* — possibly, as Schubert was a bit of a wag, merely a joke on his part.

The movements in B minor and E major, from the unfinished work in question, we described at length on the occasion of their production at the Crystal Palace, where they have already been twice performed. Last year they were also given by the Philharmonic Society. It is, therefore, enough to say that the oftener they are heard the better they are liked.

They were admirably executed when first essayed under the direction of Mr. W.G. Cusins, Professor Sterndale Bennett's able successor; but the second performance showed so marked an improvement that the new conductor may fairly be congratulated on the fresh evidence of his thorough fitness for the post he occupies, and of the wisdom of the Philharmonic directors in appointing him. The other symphony was the B flat of Beethoven, the exhilarating "No. 4," which, as a contrast to the sustained vivacity of the rest, contains one of the most placid and lovely slow movements in existence — the incomparable *adagio* in E flat.

The overtures were Weber's fiery *Euryanthe* and Cherubini's to his opera, *Elise*, one of the most vigorous and original, though one of the most rarely-heard of his dramatic preludes, all of which, without exception, are models. The pianist at the concert was Madame Schumann, who introduced for the first time her late husband's *Concert-Stück* in G, a work greatly prized by his admirers.

Those who wish to hear the pianoforte music of Schumann in the highest imaginable perfection must hear it played by his widow. She throws heart and soul into it, and her fingers obey every impulse with unerring accuracy, as though where Robert Schumann is in question they could not possibly go wrong. Madame Schumann also gave, later in the evening, Mendelssohn's well-known *Introduction and Rondo* in B major and minor. She was unanimously called forward after each of her performances.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

HAKAMAROO

(c) The inhabitants of Easter Island, members of an extremely isolated and geographically immobile society, use the word hakamaroo (hak-*kah-mahr-OH-oh) to describe the act of keeping* borrowed objects until the owner has to ask for them back. From the Pascuense, Easter Island.

YAKHDAN

(b) A box used for carrying ice, strapped on the back of an animal, from the Persian *yakh* ice + *dan* box: "Then he delved into a yakhdan and brought out some food I'd had cooked."

SHABRACK

(c) A trooper's saddle-cloth used in European armies, from the Turkish *çapraq*: "Sheepskin shabracks, black for the officers, and white for the men."

ENARTHROSIS

(a) The *ball-and-socket joint, from the Greek enarthros* jointed: "The needs of these limbless animals are met by the ball and socket articulation or enarthrosis of the procoelian bodies of their vertebrae."

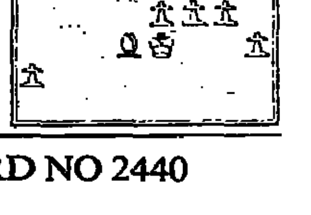
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Mikaltchouk — Bilek, Correspondence 1989. White forces immediate victory. How?

Send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a *Times* wallet-sized personal chess computer. The answer and the winners will be printed next Saturday.

Solution (March 16): 1 Qxf8+. The winners are: N.J. Hubbard, Frome; H. Harker, Thornthwaite; S. Kearney, Salford.



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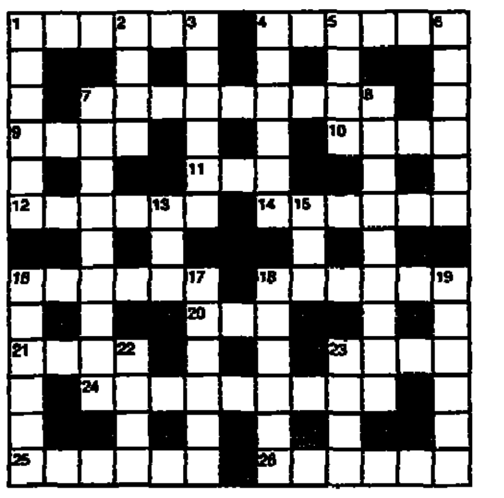
7 Rapid succession (9)
9 Clamorous (4)
10 "Curly" cabbage (4)
11 Fib (3)
12 Ploy (6)
14 Catalyst protein (6)
16 Asylum (6)
18 Pounces (6)
20 At this moment (3)
21 Mail (4)
23 Judge (4)
24 Rumpus (3,3,3)
25 Steal (6)
26 Count (6)



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2 Wallop (4)
3 Gratify (6)
4 Beans drink (6)
5 Bonus (4)
6 Break one's word (6)
7 Odd fellow (5,4)
8 Effortless earnings (4,5)
13 Last Albanian king (3)
15 Fresh (3)
16 Communiqué (6)
17 Infuriate (6)
18 Largest Scandinavian country (6)
19 Seethe (6)
22 Melody (4)
23 Tap rhythmically (4)

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Cracking good fun for Easter

ENTERTAINMENT

LONDON

☐ **Egg challenge:** Children's egg trail on the decks of a warship.
HMS Belfast, Morgan's Lane, Tooley Street, SE1 (071-407 6434). Mar 30, 31, Apr 1, 10am-6pm; £3.50, child £1.75.

☐ **Four days of fun:** Egg treasure hunt, egg painting and Easter bonnet competition.
Piazza, Covent Garden, WC2. Mar 29-Apr 1, noon-5pm, free.

☐ **Gospel choir:** Traditional gospel music with the London Community Gospel Choir.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, SE1 (071-928 8800); Mar 30, 7.45pm; £6.50-£12.

☐ **Parade:** Seventy floats, marching bands and cheer leaders in a two-mile procession. Also a fun fair, children's activities, and a jazz tent.
Battersea Park, SW11; Mar 31; from noon, parade 3pm; free.

☐ **Harness horse parade:** Working horses at their gleaming best. Veterinary inspections and judging from 9.30am. Grand parade of winners at noon.
Regents Park, NW1; Apr 1; free.

☐ **Urban farm:** Animals, children's rides, clowns, Morris dancers, craft fair, barbecue and barn dance.
Hounslow Urban Farm, Faggs Road, Feltham, Middlesex; Mar 31, 10am-5pm; free.

☐ **Record breaking bonnets:** Children try to build the largest Easter bonnet in the world. Paper, crayons and scissors provided. On Mar 31, all children wearing a bonnet admitted free; competition at 2pm.
Guinness World of Records, Trocadero, Piccadilly, W12 (071-439 7331); £4.50, child 4-15 £2.85. Bonnet building free.

☐ **Rabbit extravaganza:** Animal trails and quizzes with 40,000 prizes, a rabbit care corner, chick and duckling hatchings.
London Zoo, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-722 3333); Mar 29-Apr 1, 9am-6pm; £5.20, child £3.20.

☐ **Film magic:** *The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad*; today, 11am and 2.30pm; £2.50, child £2. Rosie the Clown on stage with juggling, mime, magic, acrobatics and audience participation; Mar 30, 11am and 2.30pm; prices as above. *An American Tale* (animated adventure); Apr 6, 11am and 2.30pm; prices as above.
Barbican Children's Cinema Club, Cinema 1, Level 1, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-838 4141). Annual membership £2.50 (at door).

☐ **Music and dance:** London Concert Orchestra plays popular classics for a family audience; Apr 1, 7.45pm; £8.50-£14.50, children under 16 half-price. The Ernest Read Symphony Orchestra and principal dancers from the Birmingham Royal Ballet present scenes from *Coppélia* and music from the classical ballet repertoire; Apr 7, 3.30pm; £5-£8.50, children under 16 half price.
Barbican Hall, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891).

☐ **Puppets:** Varied daytime programme of puppets and marionettes. From today to Apr 6.
Little Angel Marionette Theatre, 14 Dagmar Passage, off Cross Street, N1. Full programme details on 071-226 1787.

☐ **Opera:** Welsh National Opera's chamber version of Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel*; pocket-sized first opera for children.
Lyric Theatre Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Today, 2.30pm and 7.30pm: then Mon-Sat until Mar 30, 7.30; matinee Mar 27 and 30, 2.30pm; £7.50-£16; family group concessions.

☐ **Fairytale on screen:** *The Little Match Girl*, today and tomorrow. *The Little Mermaid*, Mar 30-31. *Home Alone*, Apr 6-7.
National Film Theatre 2, Southbank, SE1 (071-928 3233); all showings 4pm, £3.50, child £2.50.

☐ **Escape:** Pop-up Theatre's play for seven to 11-year-olds about Houdini. Tues-Fri, Mar 26-30, £4, group bookings £3.70, schools and morning performances £3.
Polka Children's Theatre, 240 The Broadway, Wimbledon, SW19. Full details of Easter programme on 081-543 4888.

☐ **Funfeast:** Songs and stories from around the world for five to 11-year-olds, animal stories for six to ten-year-olds, gags, jokes, games and face-painting for seven to 12-year-olds, and a chance for nine to 12-year-olds to write and perform their own play. Mar 30 to Apr 6.
Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6. Full details on 071-328 1000.

☐ **Frankie's Monster:** For children over eight, today, 2.30pm; Mar 28, 1.30pm; £3, £4, £5. *Stig of the Dump*: stage version of Clive King's book, Mar 24, 2.30pm; Mar 27, 10.15am and 1.30pm; Mar 30, 2.30pm, and until Apr 14. Prices as above.
Unicorn Theatre, 6 Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 3334).

☐ **Butterworth Charity:** Good Friday service followed by the distribution of hot cross buns.
St Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, EC1: Mar 29, 11.30am.

☐ **Dockyards:** Gilbert & Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore*, by students of the Arts Educational School in the Dockyard Church; come in Victorian dress. Mad Hatter's tea party — family event with treasure hunt, party games, Punch & Judy.
Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent. "Pinafore" gala performance, Mar 27, 6.30pm, then Mar 28, 29, 30, 7.45pm, and 3.30pm matinées on last two days; £4.50, child £3. Tea party Apr 1 from 2pm, £4.50, child £2.50. Information and booking on 0634 812551.

☐ **Brass rubbing:** Fifty-five different brasses, including animals, medieval birth signs, and royals.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-437 6023). Mar 23-Apr 30, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun noon-6pm, closed Mar 29. Children half-price if adult makes a rubbing.

BRIGHTON

☐ **April foolery:** Twenty performing clowns in an informal show.
Palace Pier. Apr 1, 11am-5pm; free.

BRISTOL

☐ **The Big Friendly Giant:** Stage adaptation of the popular Roald Dahl story.
Hippodrome, St Augustine's Parade, BS1 4UZ (0272 299444). Today 2pm and 7pm; £6-£8; £2 discount for children's matinée tickets.

CARDIFF

☐ **All Wales Festival of Theatre for Young People:** Second week of a varied programme of plays and seminars for children of all ages. All tickets £1-£2.50.
Sherman Theatre, Senghennydd Road, Park Place. Full details on 02222 230451.

CHELTENHAM

☐ **All-Electric Puppet Theatre:** Captain Crab and pirate crew encounter penguins, mermaids and Peg Leg Pete.
Everyman Theatre, Regent's Street (0242 572573). Apr 6, 1.30pm and 3.30pm; £3.

HULL

☐ **Yogi Bear and the Time Machine:** Television cartoon character on stage with music, magic and comedy.
Hull City Hall, Victoria Square (0482 226655). Apr 7, 2.30pm; £3.50, child £2.75.

LEEDS

☐ **Teething Troubles:** Fast-moving, unusual comedy with Gary Wilmot and Jessica Muschamp.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate (0532 459351). Mar 25-Apr 23, Mon-Fri 7.30, Thurs 2pm, Sat 5pm and 8pm; £4.50-£10.50, two seats for the price of one on Mon evenings; children and concessions half-price matinée tickets.

LIVERPOOL

☐ **Philbuster's children's concert:** Percussion from Kanatamanto, the master drummers from Ghana.
Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street (051-709 3789). Apr 6, 11.15am; £3.50, child £2.50.

☐ **Mr Spoon Goes to Button Moon:** Puppet show by the Playboard Puppet Theatre, with characters made from everyday objects.
Southport Arts Centre, Lord Street, Southport (0704 540011). Today, 1.30pm and 4pm; £3.75, child £2.75. Also varied programme of Easter events.

MANCHESTER

Jellyvision: Madcap show suitable for four to 11-year-olds.
Royal Exchange Theatre (061-833 9835). Mar 30, 1pm; £2, child £1.50.

☐ **The Secret of Nimh:** Animation, today; *Race for Your Life Charlie Brown*, Mar 26 and 27; *The Never-Ending Story*, Mar 28 and 30.
Cornerhouse Arts Centre, 70 Oxford Road (061-228 2463). All shows 2pm, £1.75, child £1.

OXFORD

☐ **Rod, Jane and Freddy on stage:** The *Rainbow* crew from the small screen put together their own entertainment mix of music and fun.
Apollo Theatre, George Street (0865 244544). Apr 5, 4.30pm; £4.50, child £3.50.

NORWICH

☐ **The Frog Prince:** Half life-size rod puppets in an updated version of the old fairy story.
Norwich Puppet Theatre, St James, Whitefriars (0603 629921). Mar 26-Apr 6 (except Mar 29, 31 and Apr 1), 2.30pm; £3.50, child £2.50.

SWANSEA

☐ **Grease:** Start of a national tour for the record-breaking musical.
Grand Theatre, Singleton Street (0792 475715). Apr 3 and 4, 3pm and 7.30pm, Apr 5, 7.30pm.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

☐ **Grim Tales:** Exhibition of props, animators, models, and eerie sets used for the Channel 4 series. Workshops, story-telling and video for six to seven-year-olds, Apr 3; mask-making for four to six-year-olds, Apr 4. 3D pictures for six to eight year-olds, Apr 5.
Museum of the Moving Image, South Bank, SE1. Museum admission, £4.95, child £3.50. Workshops, £1.50 per child (booking, 071-928 3535).

☐ **What On Earth!** The Tiebreak Touring Theatre Company presents a play for seven to 12-year-olds to compliment the new ecology exhibition.
Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-938 9123). Mar 28, Apr 2-5, 2pm; Apr 6, 7, 13, 11.30am and 2pm. Museum admission, £3, child £1.50.

☐ **Yorkshire mining:** Until Apr 7, exhibition about the life of the badger. On Mar 31, an Easter egg hunt — free entry for under-16s. Also a permanent Brookside nature trail through mixed woodland.
Yorkshire Mining Museum, Caphouse Colliery, Overton, Wakefield (0924 848806).

☐ **Story-telling:** Tales for seven to 11-year-olds linked to the exhibition "Twilight of the Tsars: Russian Art at the Turn of the Century".
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, SE1; Apr 2-6 from 10am; adult and child £2.50, £4 for additional adults. Booking essential (071-921 0886).

☐ **Roman army day:** Slide talk on the Romans in the Lecture Theatre, 10.45am, followed by display of Roman drill and fighting tactics. Programme repeated at 1.15pm.
British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-636 1555); Mar 30, free.

☐ **No 1 at Kew:** New steam railway engine gives free rides to children of all ages.
Kew Bridge Steam Museum, Green Dragon Lane, Brentford, Middlesex. Mar 30-Apr 1, 11am-5pm, £2.10, child £1, under-fives, free.

☐ **Children at war:** Prize family competition (entry forms until Apr 28) and talks about evacuation in the second world war, Apr 4, 2pm. Three documentary films with four screenings daily, from Mar 29 to Apr 12.
Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Rd, SE1 (071-416 5000).

☐ **Gilbert & Sullivan:** Find out more about the creative partnership, decorate your family Japanese kimono for *The Mikado*, and listen to sung extracts.
National Portrait Gallery, 2 St Martin's Place, WC2. Apr 2-5, 10am-2pm, free. Booking essential (contact the education department, 071-306 0055).

ACTIVITY HOLIDAYS

☐ **Youth Hostel Association holidays:** Unless otherwise stated, all holidays are for those aged 16 and over.

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Peaks walking; some gentle, some strenuous. Based at the Eadale Activity Centre. Two nights from Apr 5, £49.

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For brochures and booking, contact YHA Information Dept, Trevelyan House, 8 St Stephen's Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire (0727 55215; direct telephone reservations 0727 45047).

WORKSHOPS

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Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Today, 10am-noon; £2.

☐ **Macbeth project:** A one-day event for English/drama teachers and students aged over 16. Text exploration/rehearsal workshop with the actors is followed by a 70-minute performance of scenes from the play.
Acland Burghley School, Burghley Road, NW3; Mar 25, 26, 27 and 28, 10.30am-3.30pm; £12, students £8; bookable only through National Theatre, Southbank, SE1 (071-928 2252).

☐ **Craft:** Series of children's and family workshops from arts and crafts to drumming and boomerang-making. Modest charges for individual workshops.
Horniman Museum, London Road, Forest Hill, SE23 (081-699 1872), from Mar 27; modest admission fee.

☐ **Space Workshop:** Three artists help children to build a space capsule with household items. All materials provided, including protective clothing.
Royal Air Force Museum, Grahame Park Way, NW9 (081-205 2266); Apr 3-4, 10am-6pm, £4, child £2.

☐ **Museum of Mankind:** For nine to 12-year-olds and families; discover the sound of Africa and make your own musical instruments — materials provided, Apr 5. Also, help prepare for the Christian Easter and the Muslim Eid, Apr 6.
Museum of Mankind, Burlington Gardens, W1 (071-323 8043), free.

☐ **Intrex 91:** International modern railway exhibition. Lay-outs, trade stands and working demonstrations, plus clubs and societies.
Royal Horticultural Halls, Vincent Square and Greycoat Street, SW1; Mar 30-Apr 4, £6, child £3; family tickets £15. More details on 071-833 1840.

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Stringing along with kites

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Air apparent: kites — and flyers — come in all shapes and sizes

The term "go fly a kite" may have pejorative connotations for Westerners, but to the people of China, Japan, Korea, east India and Malaysia, where kite flying is an ancient tradition, such a statement would be welcome.

Said to have been invented by the Greek philosopher Archytas of Tarentum in the 4th century BC, the kite — so called in English because of its resemblance aloft to the eponymous bird of prey — has been used as a scientific tool since the 18th century: in 1752, for example, Benjamin Franklin used one to demonstrate the electrical nature of lightning. These days, even the whisper of a fair breeze will stir nostalgic adults and their offspring to take to the nearest slope with a kite.

If you would like to join in the fun with other enthusiasts, visit the kite festival at Blackheath, south London, over Easter. There you will find kite-trading stalls, team stunt demonstrations, kite trains, Japanese fighting kites and parachuting teddy bears. Watch, or take your own kite and join in.
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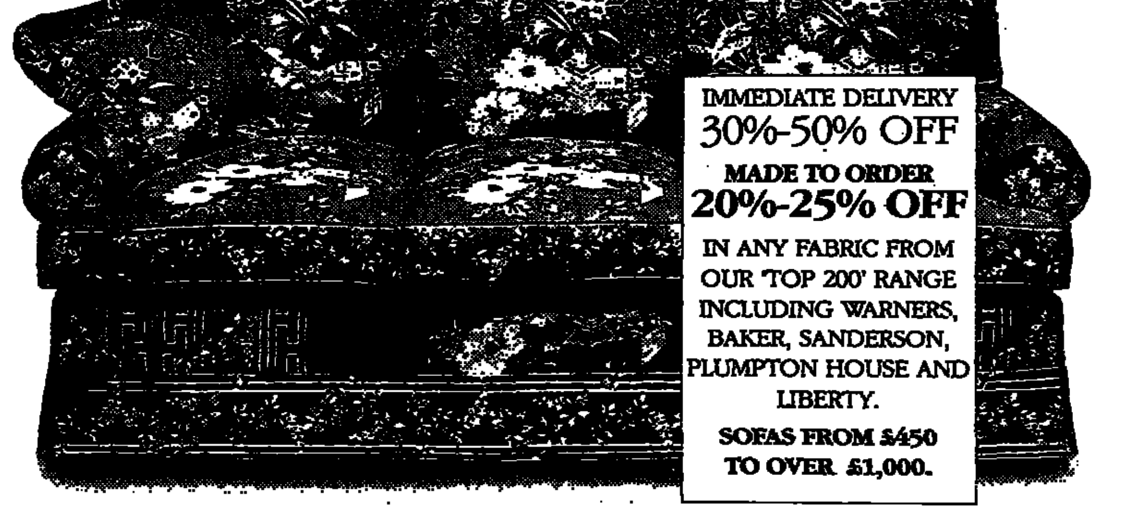

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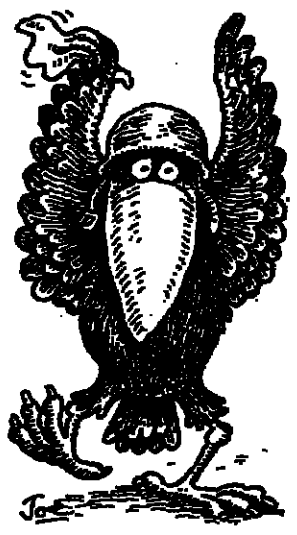
Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

Stormin' Norman shies off the girls

I SHALL never forget the day the American fighter planes returned to their Suffolk airbases from the Gulf war. In fact, I shall remember the precise moment: it was just as I opened my mouth to shout "Come by" to my sheepdog, Flash, that the deafening jets screamed overhead. My voice was drowned. The dog failed to hear the crucial command. Disaster ensued.

Flash and I were returning a ram we had borrowed. With lambing time approaching, I judged that it was not in the ram's interest, or the ewes', for him to be present at the birth of his offspring. This may be the age of the New Man but I doubt whether we are yet ready for the New Ram. So we took him back to his flock.



Possibly, being penned up for weeks with young pregnant ewes chattering endless baby lamb talk had got too much for him. He certainly looked relieved as he turned his back on his flock of young wives and bounced happily into the trailer. But when he arrived back at his old home to find he was to be herded into yet another, even larger, flock of young, pregnant ewes, he winced.

Taking one look across the meadow at the flock, the ram decided any fate would be better than life with the girls. He bent his neck until his powerful head was in the butting position, turned his back on fatherhood, and made a desperate run at the flimsy electric fencing. Even had the fence been connected to the national grid it would not have stopped him.

I had to admire his determination. He was always a noble creature: black-headed and Roman-nosed, I had called him "Stormin' Norman" because, being of the Suffolk breed, he was very schwarz in the kopf. When it came to being first at the feeding trough he showed a similar spirit to his namesake in that he would go "over, under, round or through; whatever way it takes" to be first at the feast.

As he broke for freedom, Flash made a valiant effort to catch him. We almost had him cornered, and if the dog had obeyed my command to go to the left ("Come by") we might have captured him. But the dog couldn't hear me above the roar of the jets. Stormin' Norman was found the next day, invading a garden in the next village. He returned, somewhat sulkily, to barracks.

Back home, more trouble from black-headed creatures. Rooks by the hundred were gathering in the trees round the field of newly sown oats and barley, and when no human was in sight the cowards were swooping and devouring the precious seed. I could have wept; I spent five gruelling weeks ploughing that field with horses, walking wearily up and down it with harrows and seed drill. And now all that work was to be undone by the criminal beaks of the thieving rooks. I swore revenge.

A kindly neighbour shot a couple of them — who would have thought, a year ago, that I, a civilised man, would be so delightedly grateful for two dead birds on the doorstep? — and we pegged them out between stakes in the middle of the field; the limp corpses dangling as a reminder that rooks are not welcome. These maranders need to stare death in the face before they get the message. Even so, a few braved it.

Then someone mentioned a new bird-scaring kite, designed by a second world war fighter pilot. I sensed that this particular war was about to turn in my favour. The black and yellow kite looks uncannily like a bird of prey; it hovers and shifts with the breeze and beats its threatening wings.

The unsuspecting rooks flew in from the northwest, heading for their regular feast. Then they spotted it, faltered, and, rather than land, circled. The bravest went close to the kite but lost their nerve and retreated.

I don't know what the rooks think this kite is, but it puts the fear of God into them. I shall no doubt lose support from the more sentimental wing of the conservation movement, but I do not care, as long as I can imagine these miserable birds fleeing back to their nests, terrorised to the point where their horrible, spindly legs shake at the knee and their nights are disturbed by visions of the flapping yellow and black-winged predator.

What matters is that my sky is free of rooks. The kite is keeping the peace. We have, as the real Stormin' Norman would put it, total air supremacy.

Home from home: David and Katrin Cargill

JEREMY WILLIS

Country getaway: David and Katrin Cargill with baby Harry in the Peak District . . . "There is real weather here and forests of bluebells"

A Peak of tranquillity

David and Katrin Cargill live in "deepest, darkest, filthiest Battersea", as Mrs Cargill describes it, "and we really don't like it at all. We certainly don't want Harry to grow up there." Which is why every weekend they load baby Harry and Rufus, their dog, into the car for the three-hour journey from London up the motorway to a minuscule Gothic gatehouse in the Peak District, with a cottage garden and an apple orchard.

They took the house on a long lease four and a half years ago when Mr Cargill, an Olympic skier, had a sportswear business in the north. Although they both now work in London, he managing Wordbank, a corporate translation service, and she as a freelance stylist for magazines, they have no intention of giving up their "pocket of tranquillity. Without it we'd go round the twist." They manage to carve out three-day weekends more often than not, and have fine-tuned the logistics of the transition from one house to the other. All they need to do when they leave London "is to "pack up the fridge".

Mrs Cargill is used to rather more dramatic inclines than the Peak District provides. She is half Swiss, was born in Colorado, and her family lives at the foot of the Massif Central in France, where her father is a geologist. "We were slapped into the local school — wherever that happened to be, but invariably near mountains — until I was 13, when I was sent to a Sussex boarding school." She trained as an interior designer in the United States, and then spent five years as decorating and food editor of *House Beautiful*, the American magazine. "But I hankered for England. The whole time I was there I spent all the money I ever made coming back." Meanwhile, her Irish-Canadian husband had grown up in America and Switzerland, where his skiing began. "Hills are a prerequisite in life for both of us." Their house in the Peak District, the lodge to a large estate, was built in 1890. Originally a one-up, one-down cottage, with stone mullions and honeysuckle-covered porch, it was extended in 1910. A tiny anteroom leads off the hall into the dining-room, which in turn leads into the sitting-room. There is a small kitchen and a walk-in larder with its original salting stone for preserving meat. "The kitchen was so small we had to choose between a boiler or a dishwasher. We could take a bath or do the dishes, but not both." They chose a cold-fill dishwasher, although with a back burner in the dining-room fireplace, they can, in fact, heat water.

> *'After the onslaught of the man-made, it's therapeutic to feel the passage of the seasons'*

Mrs Cargill has not been swept away on a new wave of ruched blinds; she was, after all, appointed consultant to the Shaker Shop in London. "I have a passion for checks and stripes and, of course, I'm half Swiss. I suppose the cottage embodies the Heidi look." They papered the walls in stars and stripes (separately), and covered the floors with sisal. Some of the curtain fabric is mattress ticking, and some is gingham. "We did it very simply," Mrs Cargill says. "Now I can hang up lots of old china and funny little bits of tinware and pressed flower prints. I start a collection once a week."

A quarter of an acre of cottage garden mixes fruit, flowers and vegetables. "It was one of the reasons we fell in love with it." There were old-fashioned roses and blackcurrant bushes, lilac and rhododendrons. They have added to it over the years: hollyhocks and lavatera, Icelandic poppies and clematis. "We've put in masses of *aquilegia* and *Alchemilla mollis* and lots of shrub roses." Last month Mrs Cargill gave her husband a birthday present of a day a garden designer. "We don't know enough about pruning and spacing," Mrs Cargill says. "What we have to do now is to concentrate on clumps of what we really love rather than bits of everything. The designer loves cottage gardens; it was a huge success."

Mr and Mrs Cargill see the cottage as a source of stability and permanence. For Mr Cargill it is "realising there is life after London. There is real weather and forests of bluebells. The natural beauty of the place excites me. After the onslaught of the man-made it's therapeutic to feel the passage of the seasons. And, as with the garden, it's reassuring to take a long view of things."

Mrs Cargill says: "Having this house has been a haven. Now when we have a horrendous week in London we don't mind so much because the cottage is always there at the end. We live for it."

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Breeding

Hero of the hillsides

IN THE upland pastures of Northumberland shepherds on motor bikes are herding some of the county's million sheep. Does this mean that the working sheep dog is being usurped?

"We still need our collies," says Ron Bailey, an international sheepdog trial judge and guardian of 700 ewes at the Kirkley Hall agricultural college. "Mechanisation will never replace the skills of a good dog. Border collies are remarkably versatile and adapt to working with the 125cc trail bikes. An intelligent dog soon learns to hop up on the petrol tank, clinging on with its forelegs to maintain balance until called into action with the sheep."

Border collies are among the finest working dogs in Britain and their lineage traces back at least to the 18th century. Watching a shepherd work a good dog is fascinating and, judging by the success of the television programme *One Man and his Dog*, the combination appeals to great numbers of people who may know almost nothing about shepherding.

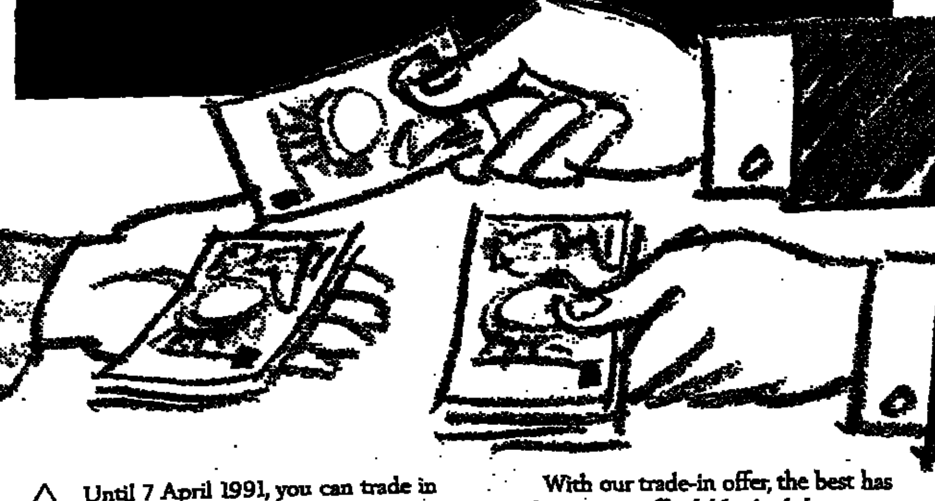
Working collies live hard lives. They rarely live in houses, sometimes not even in kennels. When they are not working they are often shut up in dark sheds. And they take a lot of abuse; a shepherd's vocabulary can be colourful. Few dogs take offence.

Their intelligence and eagerness to please has made them particularly popular in obedience and agility competitions at dog shows. The International Sheepdog Society oversees the registration of the breed and a 12-week-old pup from a good strain can cost from £60 to £80.

Women as well as men work as shepherds and win at championship trials. Katy Cropper, a shepherdess who has won several trials, attended the Women of the Year lunch last October — accompanied by her Border collie, Trim.

VERONICA HEATH

Hard working: the Border collie



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Pouring aid on troubled waters

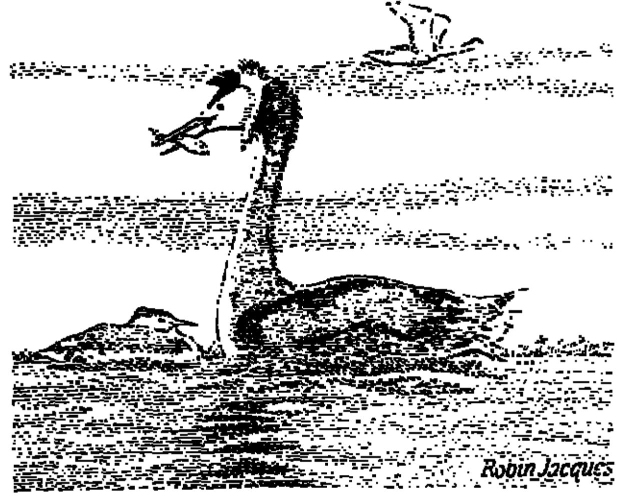
Feather report

The oiled cormorants became, briefly, an international symbol of the grotesqueness of the Gulf war. Now that the conflict is over, it is time to start counting the ecological cost and get on with the job of putting it right. "I flew out to the Gulf with horror in my heart," says Roy Dennis of the RSPB. "But I came back very encouraged."

There are plenty of horrors, but reports of the complete death of the ecology of the Gulf were, thank God, exaggerated. There is, however, a great deal to work to do.

Thousands of birds have been killed. The worst affected have been birds that earned their living by sitting on the sea: socotra and great cormorants, and great crested and black-necked grebes. Twenty-six species have been affected, including such familiar birds as red shank and curlew, and such exotics as flamingo. An oiled flamingo is a sad sight.

North of Al Jubayl, about halfway up the Gulf, there is oil up to 4ft thick in places. This not only kills birds but destroys habitats such as bays, salt marsh and mangroves. The Gulf is an important migration route. Hundreds of thousands of waders navigate along the coast from east Africa to breeding grounds in northern Asia and Europe. They stop and feed in the Gulf as they go: their favoured feeding areas need to be cleaned. Terns also nest on the islands, and the islands need protection from further oiling.



Oily ordeal: the great crested grebe was badly affected

So there is, indeed, much blackness. But things are not quite as black as was thought. For a start, the disaster involved a million and a half barrels of released oil — not 11 million, as first estimated. The sea south of Al Jubayl is pretty well unaffected.

At first, it was thought that the whale-like dugong and the turtles would become extinct in the Gulf, but no dugongs have been found oiled. Of four turtles found oiled, three have been cleaned and released. The fourth died.

Incredibly, the world seems to have got away with it. "I have monitored some wader flocks," Mr Dennis says. "About half the birds are partly oiled. And 5 per cent are heavily oiled and will die."

The Saudis are operating a clean-up operation. They have the technology, but what they need is advice. Mr Dennis, an expert on North Sea oil spills, has been working with a colleague from the International Council of Bird Preservation (ICBP) to monitor developments and provide that advice. The next step is for a team of eight to start further work next month.

The situation is delicate. In some places, cleaning up would cause more damage than the oil, as happened so infamously with the Torrey Canyon spill off Cornwall in the Sixties. The Gulf, associated only in our minds with oil drilling and oil spilling, is in fact a wonderful area for wildlife: wonderful birds, coral, and the dugong.

This is news to many people here: it is also news to many of those living there. In Britain, the will for conservation sprang from the amount we have already lost. In Saudi, the oil spill has the beginnings of the same effect. "I was encouraged by the long-term will for conservation," Mr Dennis says. "The disaster has caught the imagination of the community. So what the Saudis need is international help and encouragement."

In Britain, the RSPB is launching a Gulf appeal. Yes, I know that the idea of sending money to the Saudis sounds about as sensible as sending them sand, or oil, but the money is needed to finance the international team that will advise and assess the problem for the Saudis. It is not Saudi's wildlife that has been affected — it is the world's.

Why the RSPB? The organisation is Europe's largest voluntary wildlife conservation body, and one of the largest member organisations of the ICBP. The money is needed, not to avert total disaster, but to finance hope. It is possible that this unprecedented act of vandalism could provide a long-term inspiration for conservation.

SIMON BARNES

- *Gulf Appeal, RSPB, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire.*
- **What's about:** *Birders — drumming snipe and roding woodcock. Snipe produce a strange vibrating sound in ceremonial flight; woodcock circle treetops at dawn and dusk. Twitchers — Arctic redpoll in Bedfordshire; adult male American wigeon at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire. Details from Birdline 0898 700222.*

Country events

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **Lambing:** Chance to see ewes before, during and after giving birth. Also, a zoo, rides and play area.
Drusillas, Alfriston, East Sussex (0323 870656), today until Apr 7, 10.30am-5pm; £3.95, child under 12 £3.75.

☐ **Easter at Lee Valley:** Tomorrow, from 1.30pm, make presents and search for eggs; suitable for two to ten-year-olds. Mar 25-Apr 5, variety of supervised activities for groups. Also, day camps, multi-activity and watersports at Pickets Lock.
Lee Valley Regional Park, Essex (0992 700766).

NEXT WEEK

☐ **Easter at Snape Maltings:** Five days of orchestral concerts, chamber and solo recitals, jazz.
Snape Maltings Concert Hall, Aldeburgh, Suffolk (0728 452 935); Mar 28-Apr 1.

☐ **Dorset antiques fair:** A range of quality antiques: 1890 datelines for furniture and general items, early 20th century for paintings, ceramics and silver.
Canford School, Canford Magna, Wimbourne, Dorset; Mar 29-31, Fri 11am-9pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm; £2.

☐ **Craft in Arundel:** Children's workshops, making masks, bonnets and other Easter items, Mar 25-29. Also an Easter egg hunt with prizes for all, Mar 29-Apr 1.
Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Arundel, West Sussex (0903 883355); £3, child £1.50, workshop 50p, egg hunt 25p.

☐ **Castle egg hunt:** One of the biggest hunts in Britain with 5,000 mini-eggs and a few silver and gold eggs which win the finders special prizes.
Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent (0622 765400); Mar 30-Apr 1, hunts start 2.30pm; £4.10, child £2.40.

☐ **Zoo hunt:** Thousands of Easter egg tokens hidden around the park. Also competitions with prizes, including one for an Easter bonnet, and an animal treasure trail.
Whipsnade Wild Animal Park, Dunstable, Beds (0582 872171); Mar 29-Apr 1, 10am-5pm; £5.95, child £3.95.

☐ **Combat at the castle:** Medieval knights and soldiers demonstrate skills at arms and archery.
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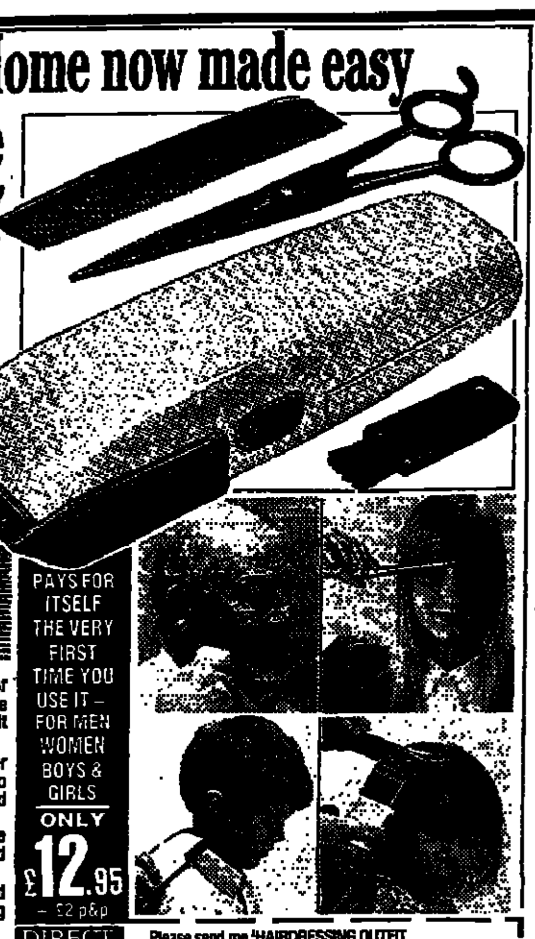
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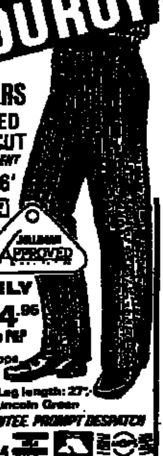

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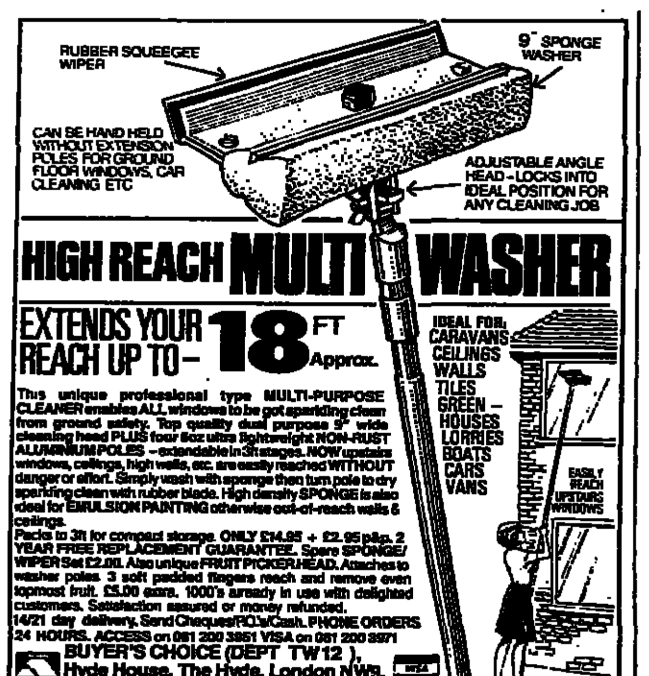
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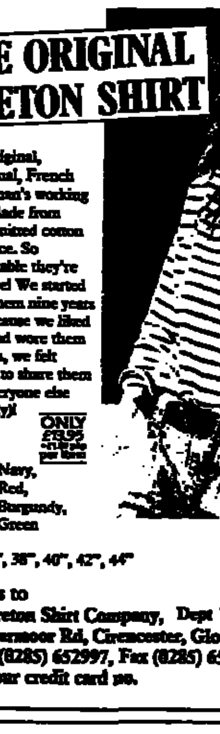

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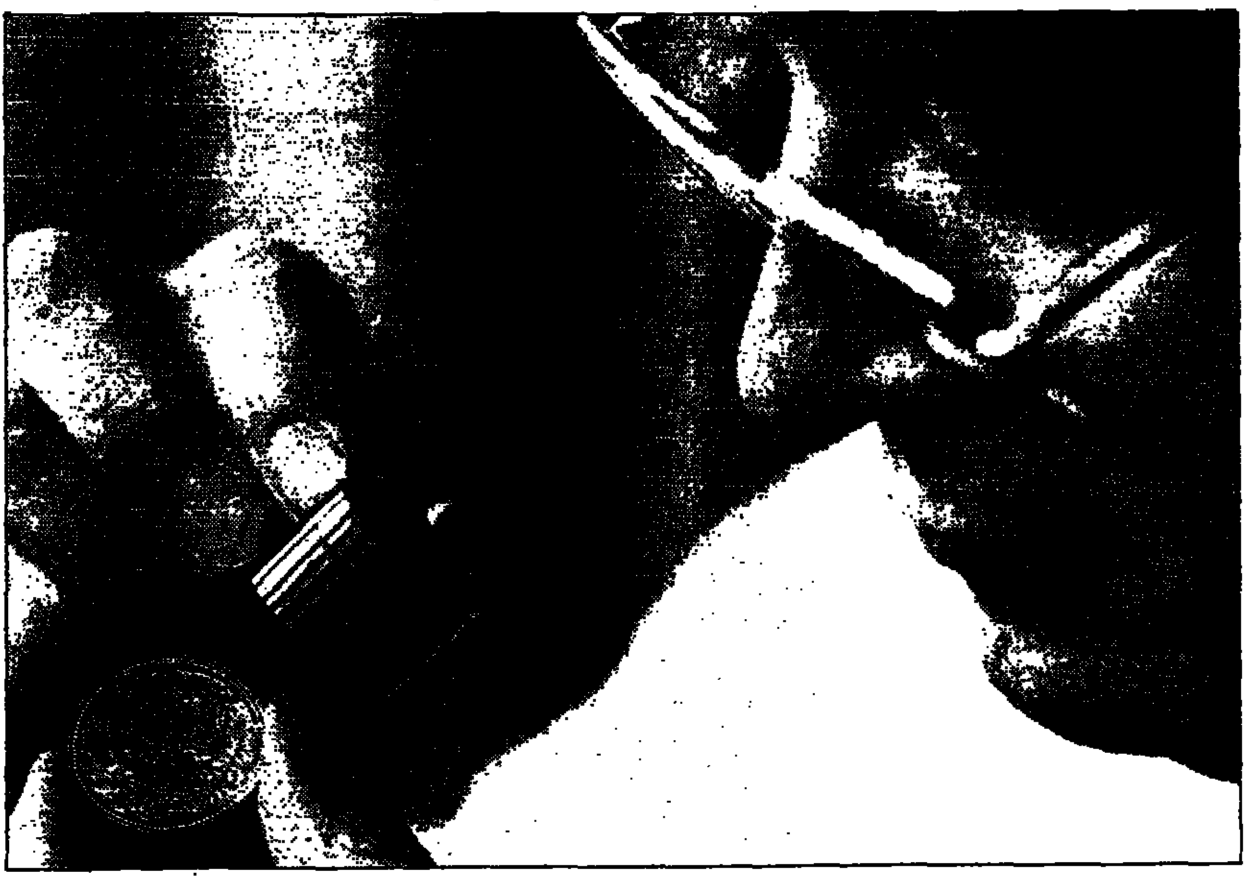

Through a glass darkly: Yorkshire dealer Paul Davies, who had £1.2 million-worth of his coins confiscated by Japanese police

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At the centre of the furore is Paul Davies, a stubborn Yorkshire dealer who owns £1.2 million-worth of the confiscated coins, and insists on upsetting the Japanese sense of propriety by fighting to get them back. He has just returned from a trip to Tokyo with David Fletcher, the secretary of the British Numismatic Trade Association (BNTA), in an attempt to stop the Japanese defacing his stock or melting it down.

"The most profitable coin-selling caper in history, which has now turned into the most embarrassing" is how Mr Davies describes the drama of the chrysanthemum coins. Its characters range from naive Japanese collectors, led by the nose by the initial advertising campaign, to gold bullion traders intent on multi-billion-pound profits.

The curtain opens in 1986, when the Japanese authorities announced their plans to produce the first ever Japanese commemorative gold coins. (Our preference for silver commemorative coins means there are no real British equivalents.)

Encouraged by the promise from the Bank of Japan that buyers could always recoup their original outlay, prospective customers formed queues to fill in the application coupons. But the idyllic scenario of loyal Japanese cherishing their souvenirs was not to last. Soon it emerged that the mark-up on each of the coins was so large that the Bank of Japan was making a cool profit of £2.3 billion. Furthermore, the gold — 300 tons of it — had been imported from New York as a means of defusing American complaints over the balance of trade figures between the two countries.

Then the value of gold fell dramatically, but the value of the Hirohito coins held up because of the bank's guarantee, and they began to look like a good investment. Soon the international coin dealers were in on the act, gleefully cashing in on the Japanese government's pledge. They included Mr Davies, who goes in for meetings at the local hotel rather than inviting visitors to his Ilkley address, and refuses to say exactly what profits he made from his chrysanthemum deals in a year of successful trading.

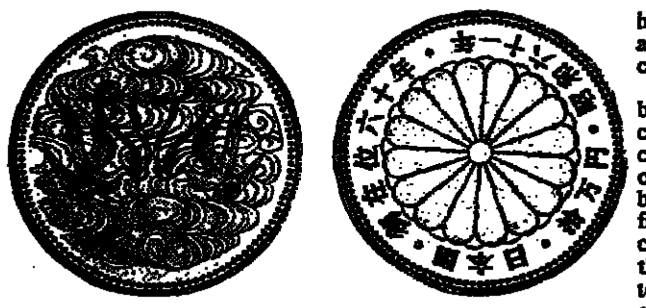
> *'The most profitable coin-selling caper in history has become the most embarrassing'*

Then suddenly, in February last year, when another dealer was cashing in some coins at a Tokyo bank, a "lowly female clerk", as the Japanese newspapers described her, noticed something suspicious about the packaging of one coin. Soon the Japanese police announced they had discovered the biggest coin fraud in their history; 107,000 coins were confiscated, including 3,200 belonging to Mr Davies, seized at the airport.

Mr Davies, who trained as a barrister but who has been operating as a coin dealer for 18 years, immediately travelled to Tokyo on his own initiative, submitting himself to police questioning. He then commissioned an authenticity report by Ernest Newman, former chief metallurgist for the British Royal Mint, and now the head of the International Numismatic Anti-Forgery Bureau, which concluded that the two coins tested from the batch the Japanese say are fake are in fact genuine.

Mr Davies insists that to undertake a fakes racket as daring as the Japanese police imply would have required nearly three tons of gold at a total cost of £22 million, using one of only three or four refineries capable of producing the necessary purity.

But it is difficult to play David to the Japanese Goliath when the Japanese authorities refuse to come out and fight. After leaking details to their local press on the massive fraud being perpetrated by westerners, the Japanese authorities went quiet, refusing to see Mr Davies again, or to make any official comment (although two officials visited the British embassy in Tokyo prior to Mr Davies's second visit last week, saying there was no purpose in his coming). Nobody has been charged, and enquiries appear to have fizzled out.



Minted imperial: chrysanthemum coin's obverse and reverse

Mr Davies went again this week, to court the Japanese press and to find an influential Japanese lawyer to fight for lost earnings and reputation. "I have got up quite a few people's noses," he says. "But after 14 months of being ignored, I feel justified in causing some embarrassment. My way is not the Japanese way. They accept gracefully the findings of higher powers, and certainly do not argue against authority." A series of articles has appeared this week in the English language papers in Tokyo, one under the headline: "Fake coins or fake case?"

Meanwhile, as a result of the furore, Japanese owners of the coins are dashing the expectations of the authorities, who hoped they would cherish their souvenirs for generations, by cashing them in en masse. Each of the coins cashed (an estimated 2.8 million so far) means a loss of £275 for the Bank of Japan.

Worse for the international coin-dealing fraternity, the Japanese are also turning away from coin collecting in general. "All Japanese coin collectors have started to lose confidence in coins," Mr Davies says, "the argument being, if the Bank of Japan hasn't enough knowledge about coins, what hope have collectors got?"

Japanese coin collecting had become a growing market, confined to men who amassed complete sets of coins in order, Mr Davies says, to boast to their golf-playing friends. British coins had become increasingly popular, the favourite being the Victorian £5 "Una and the Lion" commemorative coin, worth between £15,000 and £20,000.

"Now the whole of the British coin trade has been affected, and even the coin market in Japan," says David Fletcher of the BNTA. Mr Davies says that Japanese coin dealers are boycotting British dealers, and business for Taisei Stamps and Coins, the agent for the British Royal Mint, has "dropped off dramatically".

Despite the row, the Japanese authorities are carrying on with plans to produce a further issue, this time to commemorate the enthronement of Hirohito's successor, Emperor Akihito. The issue date is April fool's day.

Europe puts its hand up

Review

☐ **Ups and downs:** Thanks to strong European buying, the art market is recovering its stride. Contemporary European art performed well at Sotheby's in London, top price being the £253,000 for a bold abstract by the German-French artist Hans Hartung (estimated at £150,000-£200,000). The total for 108 works was £2.2 million, with 17 per cent unsold. The equivalent sale flopped, however, at Christie's, where, because of the failure of three works by Christo (the artist who likes wrapping up landscapes), the total was £495,605 (36 per cent unsold). Top price here was £77,000 (on its upper estimate) paid for an abstract titled *Untitled* by the Chilean-French artist, Matta.

☐ **Chased china:** Christie's achieved a record for china sold in Hong Kong when a large octagonal Song dynasty vase with opaque creamy glaze fetched HK$11 million (£794,166), selling to a Hong Kong dealer. This sale totalled £4.35 million, with 74 per cent sold. In London, Christie's Japanese works of art auction totalled £570,966, with 65 per cent sold. Top price was £71,500 for a pair of early 18th century piebald ceramic dogs (estimate £40,000-£50,000).

☐ **Impressive:** Sotheby's professed itself "very pleased" with its minor Impressionist sale in London, although almost half the 126 lots went unsold. The fact that the failures amounted to only 26.7 per cent of the presale estimate confirmed its claims that prices for quality works have remained consistent. Top price was £363,000 (double estimate) for an abstract by Joan Miró. All ten top lots were bought by Europeans. Christie's was coy about the identities of buyers after its equivalent sale, although it confirmed that a Japanese buyer had bought three top lots, including a Degas pastel of dancers at £77,000 (estimated at £100,000-£150,000).

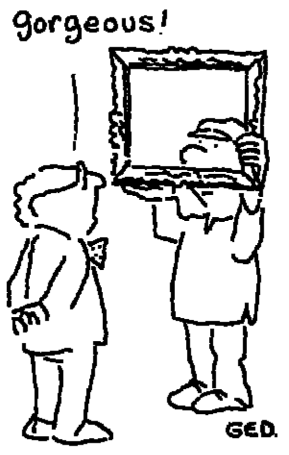
☐ **Hoax with the most:** A repulsive Japanese "mermaid" comprising the dried head of a monkey attached to a fish tail, concocted to con travellers, overtook its estimate of £800-£1,200 at Bonhams' Bygones and Curiosities sale. The buyer, who paid £1,320, understandably asked to remain anonymous.

Preview

☐ **Today:** A choice for Yorkshiremen with a general contents sale at Tennants of Middleham, 9.30am, and more than 400 lots of dolls, toys and some excellent pedal cars at Andrew Hartley of Ilkley, 1.30pm.

☐ **Monday:** 400 lots of English and continental drinking glasses from 1500-1960 at Sotheby's, 10.30am and 2.30pm.

☐ **Tuesday:** A pair of paintings of lobsters, crabs, oysters and mussels on the seashore by Alexander George Fraser (1786-1865) is estimated at up to £800 in a general sale at Phillips, Winchester, 11am.



☐ **Wednesday:** The specialist sale at Bonhams includes a good 17th century Neapolitan carved picture frame at up to £8,000, 11am. For those who prefer some picture with their frame, Christie's South Kensington has icons at 10.30am.

☐ **Thursday:** The Christie's South Kensington sale of modern paintings features a group of about 30 works by young British artists from the late Eighties onwards. Most are expected to sell for between £600 and £1,000.

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That's life in the reel world

Lynne Truss finds *Naked Hollywood* a little over-dressed, while *For the Greater Good*'s script clichés tend to undercut the drama

In Christopher Hampton's 1983 play *Tales from Hollywood*, a Hungarian playwright transplanted to Tinseltown was asked what the words "Ars Gratia Artis" meant, over the gates of MGM. He replied, "Abandon hope all ye who enter here." The latest instalment of Nicolas Kent's series **Naked Hollywood** (BBC 2) showed that – for writers, at least – this maxim still constitutes good advice. A poignant image in last Sunday's programme showed the original writer of *Kindergarten Cop* (which, admittedly, does not make him F. Scott Fitzgerald) wanly pressing his nose against a glass partition. On the other side sat Arnold Schwarzenegger facing the other way, impervious to his existence.

Now in its fifth week, *Naked Hollywood* is a watchable but strangely unsatisfactory series. While its material generally reflects the cynical "Abandon hope" thesis, its excruciating stylistic self-consciousness is a great roaring "ars gratia artis". Actors are interviewed in grey rooms, with shadows from venetian blinds slanting across their faces. Is this because they are patients in a mental hospital? No, it is because of the influence of *film noir*. In a recent episode (the one about agents), things were going well until suddenly the world of the agent was illustrated by means of old nature-footage. Gorillas wrestled and grunted, while stags clashed their antlers. Oh dear. And was it my imagination, or did the word "Geddit?" flash across the screen for good measure?

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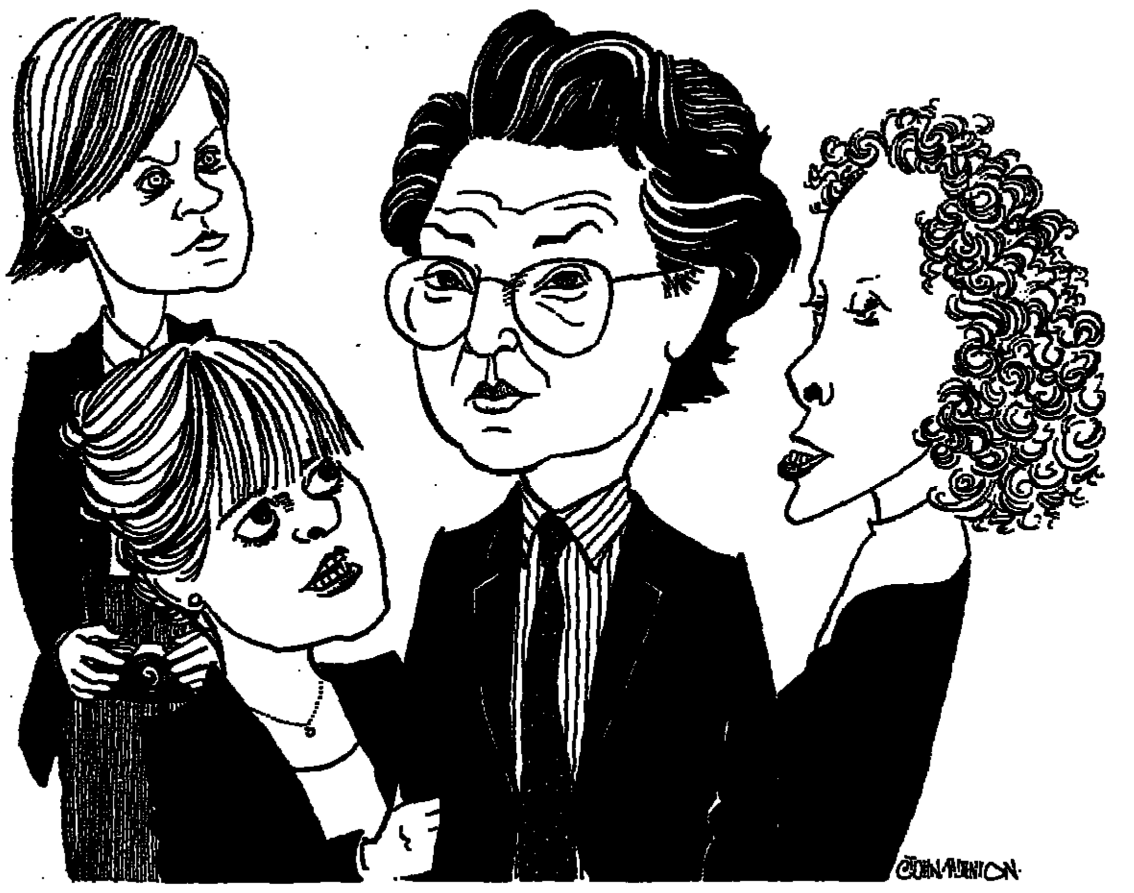
Such literalism has clearly taken a nasty hold. In last week's programme, someone had only to say there had been "a forced marriage between writer and director", and the next image was of an open script, with confetti dropping on it, and the Wedding March played emphatically over the top. Stop it, please stop it. Let us hope no future contributor is foolish enough to say, "My relationship with my distributor was like a huge volcano erupting with toy trains and pizzas, to the sound of 'Getting to Know You' sung in Norwegian." The whole project might be completely scuppered in the painstaking attempt to help us understand what he had in mind.

On the other hand, there is a lot to be learned from this series. It regularly comes up with the kind of "fancy that!" scene that, in the old days, was selected by Ludovic Kennedy for the opening of *Did You See..?* In the episode on The Producer, for example, there was a very funny sequence in which Terry Gilliam catalogued all the poor saps who had tried to save the budget of his Baron von Munchhausen film. And in last week's programme, an executive script editor gave a memorable demonstration of the "four-pillow" method of reading a script while lying motionless on one's left-hand side.

This was such invaluable advice (it would work with books, too) that there should have been a fact-sheet to send for afterwards. But the main benefit of *Naked Hollywood* for movie ignoramuses is the explanation of jargon. A "log line", for example, has nothing to do with timber-mills or telegraph poles, but is in fact the single-sentence précis of a plot, such as: "Mad old king stupidly divides kingdom between daughters and ends up crying his eyes out on blasted heath amid civil-war mayhem". Scripts with eye-catching log lines are apparently the ones most likely to be taken up by producers (though "Man turns into hamburger" was famously spurned).

What happens to writers whose plots require two or more sentences was not revealed. But it was easy to imagine them ending up as talking-points in local bars. "See that old drunk guy in the corner? Go over and say, 'Got a log line, Mac?' and see if he hits you."

G.F. Newman's new three-part political drama series For the Greater Good (BBC 2, Wednesday) would score pretty badly on the Hollywood log line test. But if all its many headline-issues will not fit comfortably into a single sentence (Aids in prison, armed police at peaceful demonstrations, corruption in the prison service, gay club raids, animal rights, sensory deprivation units, trade in human organs), nor did they fit entirely comfortably into an hour of drama.


Gabrielle Reidy (rear left), Joanne Pearce, Martin Shaw and Connie Booth in *For the Greater Good*

Martin Shaw gave an impressive performance as the backbench Conservative MP whose eyes (nicely magnified by concave specs) were being systematically opened to the wickedness of the world. But his mid-life crisis had little room to develop in a script that invested its main energies elsewhere: in dense exlicatory dialogue about the workings of the Prevention of Terrorism Act or the privatisation of the Immigrant Remand Centre at Heathrow.

As a sucker for conspiracy theories, I was not the ideal viewer for all this. I could easily believe the police would aim automatic weapons at animal rights protesters. In fact there was no shocking revelation or supposition that *For the Greater Good* could throw at me that I was not prepared to absorb.

Come on! These shoulders are broad! Tell me the wicked screws give HIV-infected needles to black prisoners deliberately. I'll go for that! No, what shocked me, the thing I could not believe, was the dialogue. Did Connie Booth, as Shaw's wife, really say, "We can't go on like this"? Perhaps I misheard. But then, when he asked her, "Have you found someone else?", I would swear on the Police and Criminal Evidence Act that she replied, *"I'm finding myself."*

This was all too horrible. In place of conversation, people kept telling each other important facts, such as "IS – 91 is more effective when given early on in the disease," or, "The chief police officers write the policy, and the Home Office rubber-stamps it."

Sometimes they started sentences by casually mentioning their identity ("As Home Secretary, I simply have to accept the police's word for it"). And sometimes they made comments such as, "Sorry to keep you waiting, Peter. Nothing moves fast at the Home Office" – just to establish the location.

"Ah," said Shaw, at intervals. His problem, he was told by his unhappy wife, was that he cared about things only intellectually: "You have no empathy, Peter. You never have had."

Yet, by the end of part one of *For the Greater Good*, his atrophied condition seemed understandable. Having been bombarded with information and theory and how-things-work-in-government for the past hour, an emotionless "Ah" was all I could manage, too.

In **Family Matters** on Monday (BBC 1), the effect of television on family life was tested by the simple device of removing the TV sets from one addicted family (the Shepherds) and delivering them to the previously uninfected home of the Matthews. Both families were studied for their reactions to the change – the Shepherds initially poleaxed with grief, the Matthews sitting stiffly around the set. After two weeks, it was clear which family benefitted most. The Shepherds, after staring at the walls for three days, suddenly started talking and playing games.

How trusting they were, these people. As they watched their televisions being loaded into a car, it did not once occur to them they might have been the victims of an elaborate confidence trick.

DANCE

In from America

Debra Craine on two new names at London Contemporary Dance Theatre

Ending months of uncertainty over its future, *London Contemporary* Dance Theatre has announced the appointment of two Americans – an artistic director and an artistic associate – to revitalise Britain's largest contemporary dance company.

The new artistic director is Nancy Duncan, currently producing director of the New York-based repertory company CoDanceCo, which she founded in 1982. The 40-year-old Duncan, who is virtually unknown in this country, has built up a reputation in the United States as an astute and imaginative commissioning director.

The new artistic associate is Mark Morris, 34, the internationally known choreographer who is currently director of dance at Belgium's national opera house, the Monnaie. His reputation as a flamboyant and charismatic dance-maker is guaranteed to give the company a higher profile and extend its artistic horizons.

London Contemporary Dance Theatre had hoped to appoint a British artistic director for the first time in its 24-year history. But the list of suitable candidates was small and the fact that many of them were American simply reflected the impoverished state of mainstream contemporary dance in Britain today.

Duncan, who will take up her appointment in London in August, replaces Dan Wagoner, who returned to America after only 18 months in the job. Announcing her appointment, Peter Sarah, chief executive of Contemporary Dance Trust, said her direction of the company "will give it a genuine contemporary edge and capture a sense of adventure, exploration and sense of risk – choreographic risk, design risk, programming risk".

Helping her will be three artistic associates, the first of whom is Mark Morris. He will work with the company and the school, starting in 1992, although details of his involvement are still being worked out. Sarah says "the partnership with London Contemporary Dance Theatre and London Contemporary Dance School and Mark Morris and his company will, we predict, be unique, exciting and memorable."

The new post of artistic associate will enable leading choreographers, designers and composers to have regular, intensive association with the Trust, working with the company, the school and The Place Theatre, the small central London venue it owns. It is hoped the other two artistic associates, to be appointed over the next 18 months, will include one Briton and one European.

Duncan founded CoDanceCo to realise her vision of presenting "a wide-angled view of contemporary choreography" and during the past eight years has commissioned more than 50 new works from established and newly emerging talents in America, including Mark Morris. She is expected to cast a wide commissioning net in her role as LCDT director, bringing in new outside choreographers as well as developing talent within the company.

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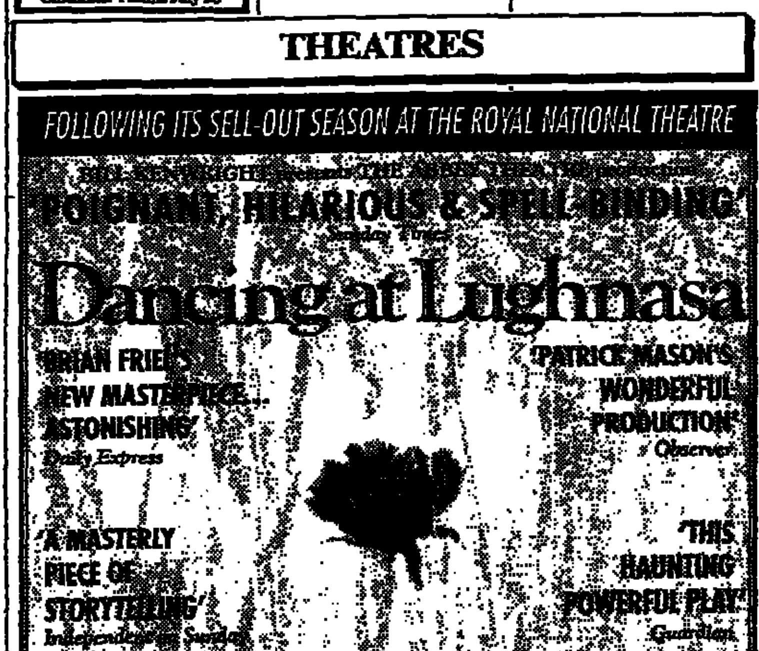
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The vitality and integrity of his contribution raise few uncomfortable questions. What we have here is a genuinely new work based on genuinely old and classic material. That was particularly clear when Berio preceded the work with Bruno Maderna's orchestration of Giovanni Gabrieli's *In Ecclesiis*. Here there are many individual details and a characteristic layering of the textures, with two string quartets placed at the back of the orchestra. But that does little to disguise the effect of a soggy transcription in the tradition of Respighi.

The central work in Berio's concert with the Hallé Orchestra was his own recent Second Piano Concerto. This is yet another adaptation of earlier music, though the earlier music here is his own. His *Points on the Curve to Find* of 1974 becomes the central panel to be surrounded by new material. There may be questions about formal tension, but Berio galvanised the Hallé into playing of high intensity, and Martin Roscoe was a powerful and persuasive soloist.

None of that was quite so convincing as the performance of Maderna's *Serenate per un Satellite* that opened the concert. Here, the score leaves almost everything to the conductor, and Berio produced wonderfully delicate sounds in what was perhaps the most satisfying collaboration of one composer's material and another composer's design.

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12.15 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.20 Football: a preview of next week's European championship matches; 12.40 Motor Sport: the opening round of the British Formula 3 championship from Silverstone; 1.00 News; 1.05, 3.40 and 4.30 Diving: the European cup from Sheffield; 1.25, 2.00 and 2.35 Racing from Newbury; 1.40 and 2.15 Volleyball: the Royal Bank of Scotland national cup final from Crystal Palace; Rugby League: the Silk Cut challenge cup semi-final between Wigan and Oldham at Burnden Park, Bolton; 4.45 Final Score

5.10 News and weather

5.20 Regional News and sport. Wales: (until 5.20) Wales on Saturday

5.25 Stay Tooned! Tony Robinson presents animation from around the world

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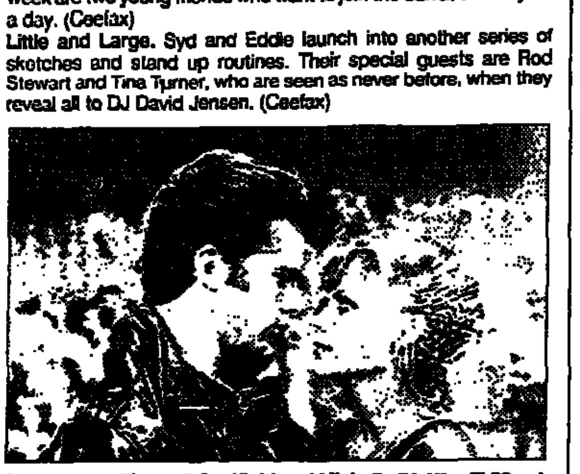

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7.00 Film: Grease 2 (1982). Predictably plotted sequel to the hit musical which still enjoys cult status all over the world. The T-Birds have long flown the coop and the new bad boys are an undesirable bunch of leather jacket-clad bikers. A new kid (Maxwell Caulfield) arrives at the all-American Rydell High School and falls foul of them when he takes a shine to their leader's girl (Michelle Pfeiffer). He is undaunted by the troop of maverick motorheads and sets about beating them at their own game by building himself a set of wheels on which to sweep her away. No musical numbers, here, as memorable as those in the original, but the "reproduction" romp in a biology class stands out in an otherwise pedestrian score. With Sid Caesar and Adrian Zmed. Marks the directorial debut of Patricia Birch. (Ceefax)

8.50 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Sport and weather

9.10 Canned Carrott. Jasper Carrott, with more stand-up routines and comedy sketches, including the mini series, *Detectives*, in which he is joined by Robert Powell (r). (Ceefax)

9.40 Film: Saturn 3 (1980). Science fiction thriller starring Kirk Douglas and Farrah Fawcett as two scientists stranded on a lonely space station near Saturn with only a slightly evil scientist, played by Harvey Keitel, for company. The weird prof has instilled his own burning lust for a beautiful colleague in the robot of his creation — Hector. But the robot is overwhelmed by his sex drive and proceeds to terrorise our two heroes in its pursuit of the lovely Miss Fawcett. Directed by (of all people) Stanley Donen. (Ceefax)

11.05 Film: Marlowe (1969). James Garner stars as Raymond Chandler's wily private eye in this slick update of his novel *The Little Sister*. Marlowe takes on an apparently dead end missing persons case which twists and turns to reveal murder and far more mayhem, blackmail and brutality than he originally bargained for. Some solid direction helps create the atmosphere of universal corruptibility which sleuth movies thrive on, and there are good supporting performances from Gayle Hunnicutt and Carroll O'Connor, plus a big-screen debut by the definitive master of martial arts, Bruce Lee. Directed by Paul Bogart

12.40am Weather

BBC 2

6.50 Open University

2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 40 of the 81-part Indian drama. All seems well for the Pandavas, now installed in Khandav Prastha. In Hindi with English subtitles

3.30 The Lost Caves of Cheddar. Beneath the Mendip Hills in Somerset lies a newly-discovered underground river — the target for a team of adventurous divers (r)

4.00 Film: The Apartment (1960, b/w).
● CHOICE: Familiarity does not always breed contempt. No matter how many times you anatomise Billy Wilder's comedy about the insurance company clerk (Jack Lemmon) who makes his flat available for the sexual convenience of his bosses (most significantly his immediate chief, Fred MacMurray), you will find it almost impossible not to cut yourself on the razor-sharp edge of Wilder's and I.A.L. Diamond's screenplay. To their eternal credit, the Oscar judges recognised cracking dialogue when they heard it, and awarded the script one of the three statuettes the film won in 1960. The other two were for best film, and best director. And, in those less permissive times, if there had been a moralists' award for Most Tasteless Film, *The Apartment* would probably have won that one, too

6.00 Late Again. Highlights from *The Late Show*, the arts and media magazine programme

6.45 News with Andrew Harvey. Weather

7.00 Wainwright. The hill walker explores the Cairngorms, the highest upland plateau in Britain. This wild landscape often endures Arctic conditions, but Wainwright is at pains to point out its stark and unusual beauty (r)

One of three standpipes supplying water to thousands (7.30pm)

7.30 Heart of Soweto: Kliptown.
● CHOICE: Sandy Balfour, series producer of this quartet of films about the people who live in the sprawling townships outside Johannesburg, has thus far entrusted the direction to different directors. The decision is paying rich dividends. Fresh minds are the best way to avoid duplication. Last Saturday's *Once a Pirate*, directed by Jenny Morgan, focused on a Soweto football club, and was essentially light-hearted. The mood in Hazel Chandler's *Kliptown* is darker, less optimistic, for it concentrates on the lives of the families in one of Soweto's poorest shanty-towns, making do in the corrugated-iron homes that are usually just one step ahead of the bulldozers. When the humans fall silent, Chandler calls on a company of remarkable puppets that, for social incisiveness, could teach their *Spitting Image* counterparts a thing or two

8.00 Rhythms of the World: Slim's Jazz. Completed just prior to his death, this programme shows jazz vocalist Slim Gaillard's distinctive style living on as we see him spinning a few discs and yarns with his buddies at a radio station. He is joined by Lionel Hampton, BB King, the Modern Jazz Quartet and Tito Puente

8.50 The Last Exodus. Soviet Jews have long been fleeing anti-Semitism and privation, and, despite the recent shift in Soviet politics, Israel is still an intended destiny for many. January 16, with war in the Gulf imminent, saw 100 Soviet Jews camping out at Moscow airport, waiting for the last charter flight to Tel Aviv. With at least a million more asylum-seekers reported to be following, an attempt is made here to rationalise what constitutes one of the largest European population drifts in 40 years. Why are they leaving the Soviet Union when they are freer there than ever before?

10.20 Film: The Citadel (1988). A father, soon to marry for the fourth time, seeks to save his son from being condemned to single life in their Algerian mountain village. Mohamed Chouikh tempers an examination of the dynamics of polygamy and patriarchy in Algerian society with fetching cinematography and a moving storyline. Stars Khaled Barkat, Djillali Ain-Tedeles, Fettima Ousliha and Momo. In Arabic with English subtitles. Directed by Mohamed Chouikh

11.55 Twin Peaks. As Twin Peaks rises to the occasion for the wedding of the year, an FBI investigation into his practices does not seem to faze Agent Cooper, whose major concerns are still chess, strange buildings and the disappearance of Major Briggs. With Kyle MacLachlan and Joan Chen (r). Ends at 12.45am

ITV

6.00 TV-am

9.25 Motormouth. Children's entertainment programme hosted by Andy Crane, Neil Buchanan and Gaby Roslin. Dannii Minogue, sister of the universally known Kylie, is in the studio, performing her latest single

11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The *Vintage Video* slot features the Waterboys

12.30 Saint & Greavsie. More armchair football commentary from Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves. Previews of next Wednesday's England v Republic of Ireland European championships match at Wembley, tomorrow's Player of the Year award and the latest news on the Celtic — Rangers league clash following four sendings-off in their Tennents Scottish Cup match last weekend

1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 1.05 LWT News and weather

1.15 Grand Sportsmasters. Sporting quiz hosted by Dickie Davies

1.40 World Sport Special followed by The Day (r)

2.15 Down Among The Daisies. Documentary about a low-flying RAF aircraft, made following a mid-air collision in Cumbria

2.45 Film: Hunters Are For Killing (1970). Middling, made-for-television-movie with Burt Reynolds as an ex-convict wrongly convicted of manslaughter, returning to his home town after three years of drifting. While attempting to rekindle a high-school romance and recover his rightful share of his late mother's estate, he encounters the wrath of his tyrannical father and some bitter wounds are re-opened. Competent performances from Reynolds and Suzanne Pleshette as his sweetheart, despite a wobbly screenplay. Directed by Bernard Kowalski

4.45 Results Service presented by Elton Welsby

5.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 5.05 LWT News and weather

5.15 The Winjin Pom. The bizarre comedy series from the *Spitting Image* stable continues with the backpacking animals from Oz and their clapped-out old camper-van, the Winjin Pom

5.45 Beverly Hills, 90210. Glossy American drama about a Mid-Western family who experience culture shock upon moving to glitzy Beverly Hills. (Oracle)

6.40 Davro. Bobby Davro returns with more wicked impersonations, including Frankie Howerd in Howerd's Way, Patrick Moore and the Prat Shop Boys

7.10 You Bet! Matthew Kelly hosts the game show in which celebrity guests place wagers on the public's capacity for self-humiliation. *Hi-De-Hi!* star Paul Shane, television presenter Liz Hobbs and athlete Roger Black challenge, among others, a pancake maker to toss 100 pancakes in a minute and a Mensa member to memorise 100 faces from the studio audience

8.10 Father Dowling Investigates: The Mafia Priest Mystery. Tom Bosley stars as the clergyman crimebuster, unaccountably permitted to meddle in police affairs, with Tracy Nelson as his sidekick nun, the streetwise Sister Steve. (Oracle)

9.55 News with Sue Carpenter. Sport and weather

The actor and writer in conversation: Michael Palin (10.15pm)

10.15 Aspel & Company. The guests are Michael Palin, Maureen Lipman and Wendy James, lead singer of Transvision Vamp

11.00 Film: Against All Odds (1984). Jeff Bridges, James Woods and Rachel Ward star in a glossy and inferior remake of the 1947 Robert Mitchum *film noir* *Build My Gallows High*. Bridges plays a fading football star, Terry Brogan, hired by Jake Wise (Woods), a bookmaker and nightclub owner, to track down his errant girlfriend (Ward) who has absconded to Mexico with $50,000 of Wise's money. When Brogan finally catches his quarry, things are complicated by the small matter of a murder she has committed, and mixed up still further when the couple fall in love. Sterling performances from the principals who have all gone on to bigger, if not necessarily better, things, and passionately directed by Taylor Hackford.

1.10am Golden Globe Awards. Yet another showbiz awards ceremony. Steve Guttenberg and Dana Delaney host the 48th annual Golden Globe awards ceremony from Los Angeles, offering a taster of the Oscars on Monday

3.10 American College Football. Washington State v BYU

4.10 Adventure. Video collage of adventurous types

4.40 The Hit Man and Her. Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan introduce dance music and contests from clubs around the country

5.30 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book 7.00 Trans World Sport. International sporting news and interviews

7.30 Simon Combes: An African Experience. A portrait of the wildlife artist (r)

8.00 Channel Four Daily.

9.00 News followed by Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line

9.25 Sing and Swing. Performances by jazz stars of the Thirties and Forties (r)

9.30 Same Difference. Magazine series on disabled matters (r)

10.00 Free For All. Includes a group called Surfers Against Sewage with a humorous view of the state of Britain's beaches (r)

10.30 Film: Stowaway (1936, b/w). Disarming musical starring moppet Shirley Temple as a little girl orphaned in China who stows away on an ocean liner, is adopted by Robert Young and Alice Faye and brings them together again when their marriage hits the rocks. Shirley, as ever, acts everybody else off the screen. Directed by William A. Seiter

12.10 World League American Football Preview. A preview to the inaugural season of the world's newest American football league, the World League of American Football, introducing the teams and the players, including the London Monarchs, based at Wembley Stadium, who kick off the season away to Frankfurt.

12.30 The Munsters (b/w). Vintage American comedy series starring Yvonne de Carlo and Fred Gwynne as the lovable monsters Lily and Herman Munster (r)

1.00 Film: Comrade X (1940 b/w). A fast-moving satirical comedy (and brazen spin-off from *Ninotchka*) starring Clark Gable as an American newspaperman who is blackmailed by hotel porter Felix Bressart into smuggling his unwilling daughter (Hedy Lamarr) out of Russia. Directed by that fine film-maker King Vidor

2.45 Channel 4 Racing from Doncaster. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 3.00, 3.40 (William Hill Lincoln handicap), 4.15 and 4.45 races

5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition of the Liverpudlian soap (r). (Teletext)

6.30 Right To Reply. A report and discussion on sitcoms presented by Rory McGrath

7.00 The World This Week. Includes a report from Yugoslavia on the threat of a civil war, and how Bulgaria has suffered during its economic crisis. Followed by Weather

8.00 Living Music: The Harnoncourt Documentary. This final documentary in the series featuring the Chamber Orchestra of Europe comes from Feldkirch, Austria, where they are rehearsing Beethoven's Symphonies 1-8 with Nikolaus Harnoncourt, for concerts in Feldkirch and Graz. The final concert will be broadcast tomorrow afternoon at 2.00

9.00 LA Law. The last in the current series about the trials and tribulations of the members of a Los Angeles-based law firm (r). (Teletext)

10.00 4-Play: Say Hello to the Real Dr Snide
● CHOICE: Tina Pepler, who penned this blackish comedy about an alcoholic husband (Ralph Brown) whose drinking has a most peculiar effect on both his wife (the very good Celia Imrie) and son (the equally good Eric Heath), has not written a television play before but you'd never know it. There's an old-hander's confidence about the way she moves her rather pathetic pawns across a domestic chessboard which, only in the vaguest sense, looks anything like home sweet home. Between the drunken spouse and his imaginary cat (the eponymous Dr Snide) there exists a relationship that is infinitely more sinister, and a dozen times more complex, than the one that linked the genial tippler Elwood P. Dowd to his giant rabbit in *Harvey*. The hallucinatory interludes in *Say Hello to the Real Dr Snide* are imaginatively realised by director Peter Cattaneo. (Teletext)

A feline imagination: Ralph Brown and Celia Imrie (10.00pm)

11.10 The Secret Cabaret with Simon Drake. Last in the series of off-beat illusion demonstrations. Drake attempts a dangerous feat in magic, James Randi explains miracles and Ricky Jay shows why he always wins at cards. Guests include a shadowgrapher, a necromancer and the mysterious Watt the Man (r)

11.40 After Dark. Open-ended discussion on whether children are getting the education they need. Among the guests is 12-year-old James Harries who left school last year to run his own business

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Elephant Boy 6.30 The Flying Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Bionic Woman 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Combat 2.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 3.00 Cool Cube 5.00 The Magician 6.00 Parker Lewis Can't Lose 6.30 The Addams Family 7.00 Live-In 7.30 In Living Color 8.00 China Beach 9.00 Designing Women 9.30 Murphy Brown 10.00 The Happening 11.30 Monsters 12.00 A Twist in the Tale 12.30am Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra satellite.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Health Circuit 9.30 Newsline 10.30 Health Circuit 11.30 The Reporters 1.30pm Getaway 2.30 Fashion TV 3.30 Those Were the Days 4.30 Health Circuit 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 The Reporters 7.30 Fashion TV 8.30 Getaway 10.30 The Reporters 11.30 Fashion TV 12.30am The Reporters 1.30 Getaway 2.30 Health Circuit 3.30 Our World 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY NEWS

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Health Circuit 9.30 Newsline 10.30 Health Circuit 11.30 The Reporters 1.30pm Opera: Vaughan Williams's Riders to the Sea 2.30 L'Etoile 4.30 The Dolmetsch Years 7.30 Ballet: Baryshnikov Triple Bill 10.30 Jazz: James Morrison 11.30 Fashion TV 12.30am The Reporters 1.30 Getaway 2.30 Health Circuit 3.30 Our World 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Showcase
8.00 The Four Musketeers (1974): Starring Oliver Reed, Richard Chamberlain and Michael York
10.00 Rockin' with Judy Jetson: Cartoon
12.00 Angels with Dirty Faces (1938): Priest Pat O'Brien asks former boyhood friend and gangster James Cagney to take a gang of wayward teenagers under his wing
2.00pm Golden Pennies (1982): Two Australian families join in the 1854 gold rush
4.00 Return from the River Kwai (1988): An American pilot teams up with British guerillas to rescue British PoWs from the Japanese
6.00 Caddyshack 2 (1988): Golfing comedy, starring Jackie Mason, Robert Stack and Dyan Cannon
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1988): Starring Steve Martin and Michael Caine
10.00 Hider in the House (1989): Wife and mother Mimi Rogers befriends a young man (Gary Busey), unaware that he is secretly lodging in her attic
11.50 Eleven Days, Eleven Nights (1987): A young man, due to marry in 11 days, falls under the spell of a female writer, intent on making him her 100th lover
1.20am Piranha Women (1988): An anthropological expedition discovers a secret tribe
2.50 Dream Lover (1986): Sleep therapy proves a nightmare for Kristy McNichol
4.30 The Bulldance (1989): Holidaying in Greece, teacher Lauren Hutton encourages her charges to re-enact an ancient pagan ritual. Ends at 6.00

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Children's Programming 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 Mobil 1 Motor Sports News 9.30 Formula 1 Motor Racing: Grand Prix of Brazil 10.00 Equestrianism: The Volvo World Cup Dressage Final from Paris, France 11.00 Saturday Alive: The Ford Ski Report; Ski Flying World Cup; World Cup Skiing; Ice Hockey – Sweden v Norway; Milan-San Remo Cycling Classic 5.45pm BOC Round the World Yacht Race 6.00 Motor Sport 7.00 Milan-San Remo Cycling Classic Highlights 8.00 Ringside 10.00 Formula 1 Motor Racing: Grand Prix of Brazil 10.30 Big Wheels 11.00 World League of American Football 1.30am Test Match Cricket 2.30 Motor Cycling Grand Prix of Japan

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Citroen Ski Europe 7.45 Spain Spain Sport 8.00 Speedway Ice Racing 9.00 Rythmic/Artistic World Cup Gymnastics 10.00 Motorsport IMSA Camel GT 12.00 Stop-Mud and Monsters 1.00pm NBA Basketball 3.00 Argentina Football 4.00 Weekend Live Motorsport IMSA Camel GT 4.00 Powersports 5.00 US Pro Ski Tour Slalom 5.45 World of Champs 6.35 Weekend Live Ice Hockey 9.35 Weekend Live US PGA USF&G Classic 11.35 Pro Box 1.35am Motorsport Nascar Winston Cup 3.35 US Pro Boxing 5.00 Ice Hockey NHL 1991

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
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LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Johnny Ringo 12.30pm The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.50 He Shoots! He Scores! 2.45 Spain Spain Holiday 3.00 World Class Championship Wrestling 4.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 6.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
12.25pm Grayeagle (1978): A father sets out to find his daughter, who has been kidnapped by Indians
2.15 Five Golden Dragons (1967): A naive American becomes involved with an international crime ring in Hong Kong
4.00 The Aviator (1985): Pioneer pilot Christopher Reeve and passenger Rosanna Arquette crashland
6.00 Short Circuit 2 (1988): The "humanised" robot explores New York
7.45 The Film Charts
8.00 Game of Love: Ken Olin and Ed Marinaro play the dating game
10.00 Who's Harry Crumb? (1989): John Candy's accident-prone private eye trails a kidnapper
11.30 Betrayed (1988): Undercover FBI agent Debra Winger falls for her prime suspect (Tom Berenger)
1.40am Cheyenne Social Club (1970): James Stewart inherits a brothel in the Wild West. Ends at 3.30

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
9.00am Racing Today 9.30 Lipton's Tennis 11.30 Australian Rugby League 1.30pm Sports Channel Special: Live Test Match Cricket and Lipton's Tennis 8.00 Ringside 10.00 Lipton's Tennis 10.30 Scottish Football Magazine 11.30 Racing Today 12.00 Test Match Cricket 1.00am Test Match Cricket and Lipton's Tennis

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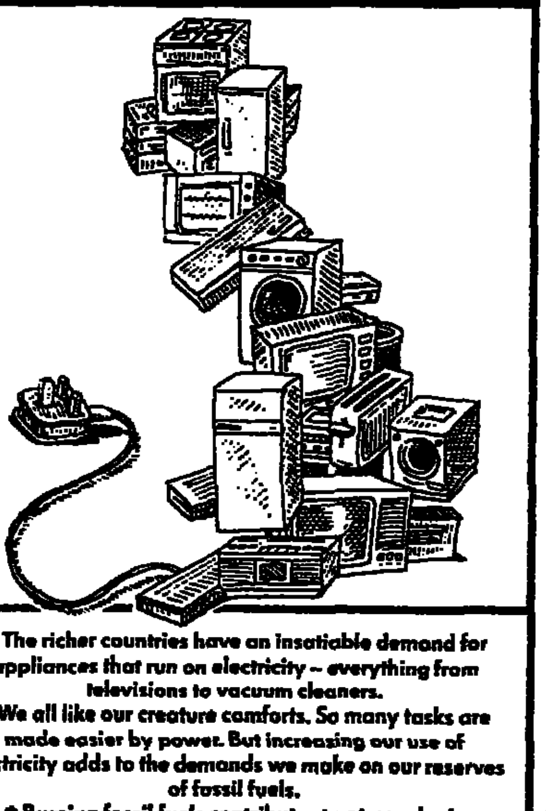

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ANGLIA

As London except: 1.40pm The A-Team 2.35-4.45 Film: The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance 1.10am Casey Kasem's Rock and Roll Goldmine 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Nascar 5.00-5.30 Peppino

BORDER

As London except: 1.40pm The Silk Road 2.40-4.45 Film: Houseboat 11.00 Magnum 11.55 Film: Frenzy 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — the Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.10pm Matlock 3.05-4.45 Film: Tex and The Lord of the Deep 11.00 Film: The 5th Musketeer 1.10 Hudson Confidential 1.40 Film: Angels 3.15 CinemAttractions 3.45 Profile 3.55 American College Football 4.50-5.30 Central Jobfinder 91

GRAMPIAN

As London except: 1.45pm Beatha n Fhasaich 2.15 Crann Tara 2.50 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.50-4.45 Coronation Street 5.10-5.15 Criomagan 11.00 Philip Marlowe — Private Eye 11.55 Film: Frenzy 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — the Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

GRANADA

As London except: 1.40pm Film: There Goes the Bride 3.20-4.45 McCloud 11.00 Philip Marlow - Private Eye 11.55 Film: Frenzy 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics - The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.40pm The Young Riders 2.40-4.45 Film: Houseboat 11.00 Hardball 11.55 Film: The Night Caller* (John Saxon, Maurice Denham) 1.30 Walk a Crooked Path 3.00 New Music 3.55 Raw Power 4.50 The Mount Chopaka Easter Sunday Jackpot Rodeo 5.05-5.30 Cover Story: David Copperfield

SCOTTISH

As London except: 1.40pm Pick a Number 2.10 Here Come the Double Deckers 2.35 This is America, Charlie Brown 3.05 Film: The Snow Queen 4.35-4.45 Backstage 1.15am Film: The Stud 3.00 Film: The Bitch 4.45 Pop Profile 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW

As London except: 1.40pm The South West Week 2.10 The Eye of the Downhill Racer 3.05-4.45 Film: Tex and the Lord of the Deep 11.00 The Law and Harry McGraw 11.55 Film: Frenzy 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics - The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

TVS

As London except: 1.40pm The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 2.10 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.05-4.45 Carry on up the Jungle 11.00 Film: Every Which Way But Loose 1.05 Skintricks 2.05 America's Top Ten 2.35 CinemAttractions 3.05 American College Football 4.05 Adventure Bound 5.00-5.30 Supercar

TYNE TEES

As London except: 2.10 The A-Team 3.10-4.45 Film: A Night in Casablanca 11.00 The New Avengers 11.55 Film: Frenzy 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics - The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

ULSTER

As London except: 1.40pm Superstars of Wrestling 2.40 The A-Team 3.40 The Munsters Today 4.10-4.45 Blockbusters 11.00 Philip Marlow - Private Eye 11.55 Film: Frenzy 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics - The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.40pm The A-Team 2.35 Guinness Records 3.00-4.45 Film: Exo-Man 11.00 Soccer Special 11.55 Film: Night of the Living Dead* 1.40 Backstage 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Police Precinct 5.00-5.30 San Francisco

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Comic Book 7.00 Transworld Sport 8.00 C4 Daily 9.15 C4 Racing 9.25 Sing and Swing 10.00 The Garden Club 10.30 Free For All 11.00 Travelog 11.30 Remote Control 12.00 Jonathan Ross 12.30 Sumo 1.00 Film: Comrade X 2.40 Racing from Doncaster 5.05 Brookside 6.30 Newyddion 6.40 Darlydd Aur 8.30 Y-Maes Chwarae 9.30 Film on 4 Extra: She'll Be Wearing Pink Pyjamas (Julie Walters) 11.15 Crime Does Not Pay 11.40 After Dark 1.40 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 9.00am Scratch Saturday 1.00 CHIPS 1.50 News followed by The Young Harry Houdini 2.45 Charley Chase 3.05 Beyond 2000 3.50 Film: Wild Horses (Kenny Rogers) 5.30 Dick Turpin 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 Mailbag 6.40 Talkabout 7.05 Star Trek: The Next Generation 8.00 Secrets 9.00 News 10.10 Kenny Live 11.30 Chieftains in China 12.30 News 12.35 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 12.30pm News 12.34 Sports Stadium 5.10 Cousteau: Rediscovery of the World 6.00 Death Valley Days 6.30 Seachtain 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 The Mind 8.00 News 8.10 North and South 9.50 Young at Heart followed by Murmurs and Shelly and The Doctor 10.20 Film: Moby Dick (Gregory Peck) 12.20 Close

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Jenny Costello 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 Soul by the Sea: Andy Peebles and The Man Ezeke talk to the stars backstage as Motown's soul and dance artistes meet the best of Jamaica's reggae acts for a three-day concert recorded at Montego Bay (1 of 3) 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 7.00 The Saturday Rock Show 10.00 In Concert: Jesus Jones, recorded at London's Town and Country Club last month 11.00-2.00am John Peel

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Dave Bussey 6.00 Graham Knight 7.45-8.00 Take 2! (r) 8.05 Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the Fifties 9.00 Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm The News Huddlines (r) 2.00 Robin Ray on Record 3.00 Gerry Anderson 4.45 Nicholas Martin at the console of the Wurlitzer organ of Turner's Musical Merry-Round in Northampton 5.00 Cinema 2 5.30 Screenplay (r) 6.00 Encore (r) 7.00 Jazz Score 7.30 Saturday Gala Night: BBC Concert Orchestra Tour of Germany 1990 8.30 Easy Does It 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am Cinema 2 (r) 12.30 Len Jackson with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: Newsdesk 6.30 Morning Edition, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.02 On Your Marks, incl 10.00, 11.00 Sport 12.00 News; Sport on 4 Plus 1 (broadcast on Radio 4 at 9.05am) 12.30pm Sportscall: Phone-in quiz with Danny Baker. Tel: 0345 909 693 1.30 Sport on 5, with Jon Champion. Football: Barclays League — Leeds v Crystal Palace, Norwich v Arsenal, Derby v Liverpool, reports and second-half commentary; Racing from Doncaster: (3.05) Tetley Bitter Stakes (3.40) William Hill Lincoln Handicap; Rugby League — Commentary from the first semi-final of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup; Plus European PGA Golf, Tennis, World Cross Country Championships and the Brazilian Grand Prix 5.00 Sports Report 6.00-11.00 As Radio 4, incl 10.00, 11.00 Sport 11.10 World Service: People and Politics 11.40 The International Money Programme 11.55 Words of Faith 12.00-12.10am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 5.00am German Features 5.35 News in German; Headlines in English and French 5.47 Press Review 5.52 Financial News 5.58 Weather and Travel News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 From the Weeklies 7.45 On the Record 8.00 News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 A Jolly Good Show 9.00 News 9.15 Worldbrief 9.30 Financial News 9.39 Sports Roundup 9.45 Network UK 10.01 Here's Humph! 10.15 Letter from America 10.30 People and Politics 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Midi Magazine 11.59 Travel News 12.00 News 12.09pm News About Britain 12.15 Multitrack 3 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 24 Hours 2.01 Letter from America 2.15 Club 648 2.30 Sportsworld 3.00 News 3.15 Sportsworld (cont) 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 4.59 Travel News 5.00 News 5.01 Sportsworld: Final Results 5.30 Londres Soir 6.15 BBC English 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.09 Society Today 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Meridian 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 Short Story 9.30 From Our Own Correspondent 9.50 Write On... 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Words of Faith 11.10 Book Choice 11.15 A Jolly Good Show 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am The Ken Bruce Show 1.01 Play of the Week: Under the Rainbow 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Break for Coffee 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 Society Today 3.30 From our own Correspondent 3.50 Write On... 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Personal View 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only): Open Forum — News and Features about the OU

6.55 Weather; News Headlines

7.00 Morning Concert: Vivaldi (Concerto No 2 in G minor, RV 578: English Concert under Trevor Pinnock); Saint-Saëns (Septet in E flat, Op 65: Nash Ensemble)

7.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Rossini (William Tell Overture: Philharmonia Orchestra under Riccardo Muti); Arnold (Flute Concerto No 2: Richard Adeney; Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Norman Del Mar); Schubert (Rastlöse Liebe; Suleika I: Sarah Walker, mezzo-soprano, Roger Vignoles, piano); Gershwin (Rhapsody in Blue: Los Angeles Philharmonic under Tilson Thomas, piano, with Loren Levee, clarinet)

8.30 News

8.35 Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Alfred Walter performs Mozart (Symphony No 38 in D, K 504, Prague); Strauss (Oboe Concerto, AV 144: Douglas Boyd) (r)

9.35 Saturday Review, with Edward Greenfield. Record Review — Building a Library. David Fanning on Nielsen's Fifth Symphony; Richard Wigmore reviews Mozart editions from Capriccio and Laserlight. 10.40 Record Release: Mozart (Divertimento in E flat, K 113: Camerata Academica Salzburg under Sandor Vegh); Czerny (Ouverture charactéristique et brillante, Op 54: Yaara Tal, Anders Groethuysen, piano duo); Dohnányi (Serenade for string trio, Op 10: Bell'Arte Ensemble, Stuttgart); Mozart (Four Songs: Mitsuko Shirai, mezzo, Hartmut Holl, piano); Boccherini (Quartet in G, Op 44 No 4, La Tiranna: Ensemble 415); Webern (Passacaglia, Op 1: London Symphony Orchestra under Pierre Boulez); Bach (O Jesu Christ, meins Lebens Licht: Monteverdi Choir; English Baroque Soloists under John Eliot Gardiner); Arnold (Symphony No 7: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Vernon Handley)

12.55pm Words: Programme Notes of Times Past. A reflection on language by the composer Hugh Wood (r)

1.00 News

1.05 Borodin Trio performs Dvořák (Piano Trio in F minor, Op 65)

2.05 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Nicholas Cleobury performs Stravinsky (Monumentum pro Gesualdo di Venosa; Jeu de cartes); Markevitch (Suite, Rebus — first UK performance)

3.05 Schubert (Schwanengesang, D 957 — the complete song-cycle: Peter Schreier, tenor, András Schiff, piano)

4.05 Tuning Up: The young organist Wayne Marshall talks to Chris de Souza about his musical interests, and plays music by Widor and Dupré

5.00 Jazz Record Requests

5.45 Third Opinion, with Christopher Cook. Waldemar Januszczak and Margaret Walters review Paul Auster's novel, *The Music of Chance*; an exhibition of John Bellany's work at Cambridge; and the Chinese director Zhang Yimou's film, *Judou*

6.30 Primo e Secondo: Dezső Ránki, Edit Klukon, piano duet, perform Schubert (Rondo in A, D 951); Debussy (Petite Suite); Schoenberg (Six Pieces, 1896); Debussy (Six épigraphes antiques); Schubert (Fantasia in F minor, D 940)

7.45 Zaide: Live from the Barbican Hall, London. Lynne Dawson, soprano, Anthony Rolfe Johnson, tenor, Maldwyn Davies, tenor, David Wilson-Johnson, bass-baritone, Peter Rose, bass; members of the Tallis Chamber Choir; English Chamber Orchestra under Leopold Hager perform Mozart (Symphony No 34 in C, K 338); Mozart (Zaide, K 344). Act 1. 8.55 Cataloguing Mozart. Piers Burton-Page investigates Ludwig Ritter von Köchel, known to most people only as the K in Mozart's opus numbers. 9.15 Act 2

10.15 Issues (r)

10.40 Membra Jesu Nostri: Ecce super montes. Soloists; Hanover Boys Choir; Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra under Ton Koopman perform the first of seven Holy Week cantatas by Buxtehude, in a Lutheran devotional context

11.05 Bach (Sonata No 3 in C, BWV 1005; Partita No 2 in D minor, BWV 1004: Yossi Zivoni, violin)

12.00 News 12.05am Close

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(s) Stereo on FM

6.00am News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Week 6.50 Prayer for the Day 7.00 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.58 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4

9.30 Breakaway: Ken Bruce with travel and holiday news

10.00 News; Loose Ends, with Ned Sherrin and guests (s)

11.00 News; The Week in Westminster

11.30 Europhile: Max Easterman looks behind the headlines in the European papers

12.00 Money Box: Louise Botting and Vincent Duggleby examine the Budget's effect on the individual

12.25pm The News Quiz: Barry Took quizzes Richard Ingrams, Alan Coren and guests on the week's news (s) 12.55 Weather

1.00 News

1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Sunderland by Alan Beith, MP; Ann Taylor, MP; Tim Melville-Ross; and John Maples, MP (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4411. Listeners can ring Jonathan Dimbleby with their views on the issues raised in *Any Questions?*

2.30 Saturday Playhouse: Means Test Man. A dramatisation by Charles Ryder of Walter Brierley's classic story about unemployment in the Thirties. Miner Jack Cook (Christian Rodska) has been unemployed for three years. Outwardly calm and strong, he is unable to convey his despairing thoughts to his wife (Joan Walker) (s)

4.00 News; The Birth of Europe: Power and Prestige — the Very First Goldfinger. In the third of five programmes, Peter France traces the historical impact of gold and other precious metals on European society

4.30 Science Now, with Alun Lewis

5.00 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to Loret Lee, chairman of the Chinese Education, Culture and Community Centre in Manchester's Chinatown (r)

5.25 Week Ending (s) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 News; Sports Round-Up

6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition (s)

7.10 Stop the Week (s)

7.45 Classic Serial: Fair Stood the Wind for France
● CHOICE: Published in 1944, this most famous long work of fiction by short story writer and novelist H.E. Bates reaches its final part as Franklin and Françoise travel south to Marseille. This has been a faithful dramatisation of the book by Gregory Evans, helped by the fact that Bates's stories are wonderfully well told with an economical narrative line. Bates worked on a local newspaper before publishing his first story in 1926 and thereafter he became a prolific novelist. He was a squadron leader in the RAF during the war (s)

8.45 Kaleidoscope: The Seven Ages of Quincy Jones. Robert Cushman talks to the prolific producer, composer and arranger, who has worked with musicians such as Sinatra and Basie in the Fifties and Michael Jackson in the Eighties (s)

9.15 Music in Mind (s)

9.50 Ten to Ten, led by Fr Oliver McTernan (s) 9.59 Weather

10.00 News

10.15 Open Mind: Edward Mortimer chairs the discussion programme

10.45 Letter . . . from Russia; Bridget Kendall examines the ethnic make-up of the Russian Federation, and contemplates how long it would survive if the Soviet Union begins to break up (r)

11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Gary Karr, the American virtuoso double-bass player (s) (r)

11.30 The World of Dowie (new series): A brave new world created and presented by John Dowie. With Jim Sweeney, Steve Steen, Cathryn Harrison and the Ronnie Golden Small Band (s)

12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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BBC 1

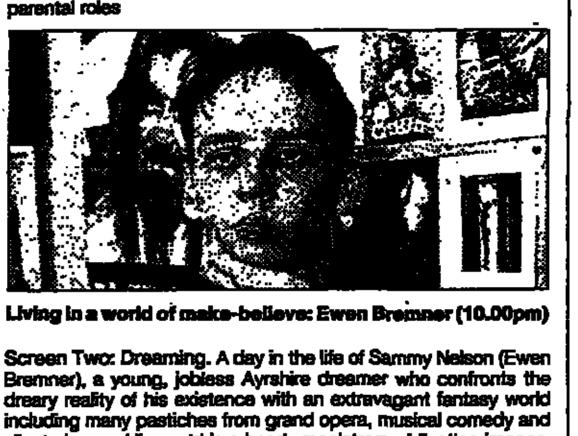
6.45 Open University 8.55 Playdays *(r)*
9.15 Come, Holy Spirit. This special Palm Sunday edition draws the series to a close as Graham Young examines the different ways in which the Spirit can bring freedom
10.00 France Actuelle *(r)*. Wales (to 12.30) See You Sunday 10.25 México Vivo *(r)*. (Ceefax)
10.50 Step up to Wordpower *(r)*. (Ceefax) 11.15 A Way With Numbers
11.40 Bazaar (r) 12.05 Sign Extra
12.30 Country File. John Craven with up-to-date news on rural issues 12.55 Weather. Wales: Farming in Wales
1.00 News followed by On the Record. Jonathan Dimbleby asks the environment secretary, Michael Heseltine, how he expects the electorate to receive his recommendations for local authority organisation and finance 2.00 EastEnders *(r)*. (Ceefax)
3.00 Film: Krull (1983) starring Ken Marshall and Lysette Anthony. The distant planet of Krull is the setting for this glossy fantasy adventure that tries to achieve the classic style, and fails. A damsel is abducted by a hideous beast king and his army of nasty marauders, leaving a prince to save her by fighting his way through the evil hordes, encountering new perils and unexpected allies in equal measure. Directed by Peter Yates. (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Percy French Remembered 4.15 Our Town
4.55 Popeye Double Bill 5.10 Superdogs. A new series presented by Peter Purves in which teams of dogs and their owners compete for the Winalot Challenge
5.50 The Clothes Show: Jeff Banks and Caryn Franklin present a special programme from Hebden Bridge which surveys the entries in the *Clothes Show*/Brother Knitting competition
6.15 OK2 Talk Feelings. Today's subject is men crying in public. (Ceefax)
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
6.40 Songs of Praise for Palm Sunday from the parish church of St Mary's in Dundee. (Ceefax)
7.15 Brush Strokes. Bland sitcom starring Karl Howman as amorous handyman Jacko. (Ceefax)
7.45 Butterflies. Wendy Craig and Geoffrey Palmer star in Carla Lane's incisive Seventies sitcom *(r)*. (Ceefax)

Baiting an antiques crook: Linda Gray, Ian McShane (8.15pm)

8.15 Lovejoy: Black Virgin of Vladimir.
● CHOICE: This is an extra-long (by 50 minutes) addition to a variable series that may have offended the susceptibilities of those naive enough to believe that everybody and everything involved in the antiques trade is as pleasant and genuine as it is in *Antiques Roadshow*. Tonight's story demonstrates what many of us will have long suspected — that there's plenty of life after *Dallas* even if there wasn't much life *in* it. The last time Ian McShane (Lovejoy) played opposite Linda Gray (Sue Ellen in *Dallas*), they walked off into the sunset together. Tonight, they are unromantically and enjoyably reunited on our side of the Atlantic to trap Brian Blessed's international antiques crook. *They employ an Andrei* Rublev icon as bait, arguing intelligently that when Ahab went after Moby Dick, he did not use frozen peas. (Ceefax)
10.00 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather
10.15 Heart of the Matter: War Crimes. After the liberation of Kuwait Joan Bakewell examines the ethical dilemmas involved in resolving whether there is a need to hold war crimes trials
10.50 That Week in Jerusalem.
● CHOICE: Casting about to see if there is anything to be done about Holy Week television that has not been tried before, BBC1 has come up with a realistic alternative that is halfway between a theatre workshop and *The Week at Westminster*. In this first programme a director in a rehearsal studio (Ronald Eyre) satisfies himself, and the viewers, that all seven of the actors who will play leading characters in the Easter story know what they are about. Eyre is not interested in *how* they say what they would say if they spoke from the heart and not from the New Testament. He wants to know *why* they would say it, and what makes them do what they are famous (or infamous) for doing. First in line is David de Keyser, *justifying his actions as Caiaphas, the High Priest*
11.05 The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd. American comedy drama
11.30 Mosaic. Children's attitudes are developed at the pre-school age, so it is important for our nursery schools to have the staff, books and toys which reflect our multi-cultural society. Mosaic examines the possibilities that this may not be the case
12.00 Mahabharat. Episode 40 *(r)* 12.40am Weather

BBC 2

6.35 Open University
12.00 Regional Westminster Programmes. Wales: Sign Extra; Northern Ireland: A Slice of Time
12.30 Scrutiny. Iain MacWhirter presents news of the parliamentary committees. (Ceefax)
1.00 Open University: Materials in Action — Going Through a Phase
1.20 Animation Now. *The Legend Of Sleepy Hollow (r)*
1.35 All I Ask Is A Tall Ship. Stan Hugill, aged 74, watches the young, inexperienced crew of the sailing ship Sorlandet train for a tall ships race *(r)*
2.25 Bangladesh: The Begum's Battle. Begum Khalida Zia, wife of the assassinated President Zia Ur Rahman, is set to become Bangladesh's first woman leader after the recent election, but despite winning at the ballot box, she faces a daunting battle against her country's massive environmental problems and endemic corruption
2.55 International Athletics. The IAAF world cross-country championships from Antwerp. Commentary by David Coleman and Brendan Foster. Wales: live rugby coverage of Aberavon v Newport
4.00 Kali the Lion. For five months of the year, Kenya's Masai Mara teems with wildebeest, but when they move on, the lion population is pushed close to starvation. Simon King's remarkable film follows a lioness known as Kali ("Angry" in Swahili) and her two cubs as they fight for survival on the plains and for social supremacy within the pride *(r)*. (Ceefax)
5.00 Rugby Special. After the thrilling climax to last weekend's Five Nations' championship, it's back to more mundane matters and the quest for League titles. Wales: (4.55) World cross-country championships
6.00 *Clive* James Interview. Carlos Fuentes, Mexico's foremost novelist and former diplomat, talks to James about myth, magic, Mexico and the modern world
6.35 The Money Programme. A profile of Peter Wallenberg, who owns Saab and Electrolux, and an investigation into Harry Goodman and the collapse of Air Europe
7.15 The Natural World: Big Oil — In The Wake of the Exxon Valdez. On Good Friday 1989, the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground *in the clear waters of Prince William's Sound in Alaska*, shedding 11 million gallons of crude oil. Two years on, the programme assesses the wildlife casualties and ecological damage caused
8.05 Naked Hollywood. The fascinating safari through the treacherous jungle of Hollywood continues with a look at studio bosses. Under pressure to step up both production and profits, the jobs of studio *chiefs are constantly on the line. Joe Roth is the fifth new chief at* Twentieth Century Fox in less than a decade. He is threatened by a studio's nightmare — a runaway movie in *Die Hard 2*, which went $40 million over budget. Also interviewed are Tom Pollock of Universal, Mike Medavoy of TriStar and Dawn Steel, short-lived head at Columbia
8.55 Brazilian Grand Prix. Murray Walker and former world champion James Hunt provide commentary on highlights of the Brazilian Grand Prix from Intergalos
9.45 How are the Kids? Soviet director Rolan Bykov continues the series on the rights of children with a dramatised story of six-year-old Lioubа who, beaten by her alcoholic mother, runs away into a neighbouring forest, her world of peace. There, her only friends are her doll Macha and her teddy Micha, who assume surrogate parental roles

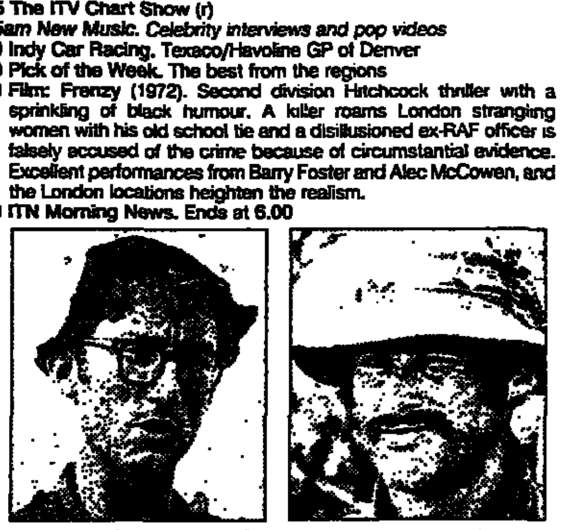


Living in a world of make-believe: Ewen Bremner (10.00pm)

10.00 Screen Two: Dreaming. A day in the life of Sammy Nelson (Ewen Bremner), a young, jobless Ayrshire dreamer who confronts the dreary reality of his existence with an extravagant fantasy world including many pastiches from grand opera, musical comedy and silent cinema. His world is a heady maelstrom of fleeting images, from a television confrontation with Margaret Thatcher to specially written songs performed by Deacon Blue and appearances by Billy *Connolly. Also featuring Marianne Faithfull, Mary McCusker*, and Michael Carter. The Scottish accents could leave some Sassenachs scratching their heads. Directed by Mike Alexander. (Ceefax)
11.30 Rapido. Fast-paced patois from Antoine de Caunes, who correlates women, sex and pop chart success *(r)*
12.00 Snub. *Music from independent labels (r)*. Ends at 12.35am

ITV

6.00 TV-am. Includes, at 8.00, Frost on Sunday. The guests include David Mellor, MP. The newspapers are reviewed by Chantal Cuer and Andrew Neil
9.25 The Disney Club
10.45 Link. The facts about the new Disabled Living Allowance
11.00 Morning Worship for Palm Sunday from the Church of St Michael *the Archangel in the Yorkshire Dales*
12.00 Encounter. Peter Cotterell, principal of London Bible College and a former missionary to Ethiopia, examines the concept of evangelism and its relevance today
12.30 LWT News Weekend
1.00 News with Sue Carpenter Weather.
1.10 Walden. Brian Walden interviews Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer Followed by The Day *(r)*
2.00 Film: Confessions of a Married Man (1983). Derivative, made-for-television movie about a married man (Robert Conrad) with a wife (Jennifer Warren) who doesn't understand him and a mistress (Ann Dusenberry) who demands more commitment than he can give. Conrad's character is inherently unsympathetic and most viewers will be rooting for the rejected wife, superbly played by Warren. Directed by Steve Gethers
3.40 Film: True Grit (1969). Seminal John Wayne western which won him an Oscar for his portrayal of US Marshal "Rooster" Cogburn, helping a young girl (Kim Darby) to track down her father's murderers (Dennis Hopper and Robert Duvall). The murder hunt involves a catalogue of humiliations for Cogburn, and Wayne proves star enough to send up his macho image. Directed by Henry Hathaway
6.00 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge game
6.30 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 6.35 LWT News and weather
6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits the New Forest in Hampshire
7.15 Film: Cocoon (1985). Steve Guttenberg, Don Ameche and Brian Dennehy star in this warm-hearted sci-fi tale of cocooned extra-terrestrials who emit a life-giving force that rejuvenates a Florida community of senior citizens. Don Ameche won an Oscar for his winning performance as a wrinkly who discovers the fountain of youth in the neighbour's indoor pool, while Steve Guttenberg lends hunk appeal in a bizarre human-alien love-making scene. Despite sentimental tendencies, the film wins on the sheer *joie de vivre of* the venerable cast. Directed by Ron Howard
9.25 Trouble In Mind. More vasectomy jokes are the order of the day in this limp sitcom starring Richard O'Sullivan and Susan Penhaligon. (Oracle)
9.55 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather.
*10.15 Cool Head. Last in the series of impersonations by the rubber-*faced comic Phil Cool
10.45 Celebration: Danger at the Edge of Town — The Search for Sean Flynn and Dana Stone.
● CHOICE: Clearly, the chances of success were slim when the British photographer Tim Page went off to Cambodia to find out what happened to his old chum Sean Flynn (son of Errol) who, with another war photographer, Dana Stone, went missing 20 years ago when they were covering the fighting in Indo-China. In Brian Eads's and John Sheppard's strangely affecting documentary, Page explains his quest as doing the "righteous thing" by his friends. What that "thing" was proves to be the reason why, like all the films in this award-winning arts series, *Danger on the Edge of Town* shelters under the umbrella title of *Celebration*. With a writer's gift, the clue-seeking Page almost makes us experience what he himself experienced — "the philosophical essence left behind by a mindful person, which seems to have survived the *passage of time*"
11.45 The ITV Chart Show *(r)*
12.45am New Music. Celebrity interviews and pop videos
1.50 Indy Car Racing. Texaco/Havoline GP of Denver
2.50 Pick of the Week. The best from the regions
3.20 Film: Frenzy (1972). Second division Hitchcock thriller with a sprinkling of black humour. A killer roams London strangling women with his old school tie and a disillusioned ex-RAF officer is falsely accused of the crime because of circumstantial evidence. Excellent performances from Barry Foster and Alec McCowen, and the London locations heighten the realism.
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00



A shuttered case: Dana Stone and Sean Flynn (10.45pm)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) 7.00 Petworld. Vet John Wilson comes face to face with the Dulux dog 7.30 Dr Snuggles. Cartoon 8.00 The Bluffers 8.30 Bobobobs 9.00 Early Bird. Children's magazine
9.25 Mahfil. Series featuring ghazal and qawwali music
10.00 A Week In Politics — Second Reading. MPs Peter Shore and *David Amess discuss the reform of the Poll Tax*
10.45 Dennis. Cartoon adventures with the mischievous Dennis
11.00 Boom! Surekha Kukhadia visits special effects expert Bob Keen at Pinewood Studios — and undergoes an amazing transformation (r)
11.30 The Lone Ranger: Ranger In Danger (b/w). First in a new run of the famous adventure series with the masked rider of the plains (Clayton Moore), and his ever-faithful Mohawk companion Tonto (Jay Silverheels), as always combating evil and upholding the law
12.00 The Waltons. More drama with the whiter-than-white mountain family
1.00 Voyage To The Bottom Of The Sea (b/w). A mad art collector takes control of the Seaview and plans to hijack the Mona Lisa as the painting is shipped to Australia (r)
2.00 Living Music: The Graz Concert. Following on from yesterday's documentary programme the Chamber Orchestra of Europe is seen and heard performing Beethoven's Symphonies No 6 (Pastoral) and No 8 Conducted by Nikolaus Harnoncourt
3.25 Flying Hair. Polish animation
3.35 Film: Valley of Song (1953, b/w). Charming Ealing-style comedy about a feud between two families in a small Welsh village which erupts when new choirmaster Clifford Evans gives a part in Handel's *Messiah* to Betty Cooper instead of Rachel Thomas, who has sung it for the past 15 years Directed by Gilbert Gunn
5.00 Scottish Eye investigates the quality of Scotland's water and the extent to which the Scottish water industry is underfunded
5.30 Hog Heaven. Film about the largest motorcycle rally in the world, held in the Black Hills of South Dakota (r)
6.00 Press Gang. Another visit to the newsroom of the *Junior Gazette* (r). (Teletext)
6.30 The Wonder Years. Award-winning American comedy series following the life of a teenage boy growing up in the Sixties
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Anne Perkins Weather
8.00 Maestro: Vivaldi and the 18th Century.
● CHOICE Thanks largely to the violinist Nigel Kennedy and the flourish of showbiz with which he has introduced *The Four Seasons* to audiences who have no objections whatsoever to its celebrated composer being reduced to "me old mate Viv", Vivaldi is currently the buzz name in the commercial world of classical music. *This fact alone should ensure huge audiences for the third* of these five films in which John Julius Norwich and H C Robbins Landon celebrate the history of music in Venice The flamboyant Mr Kennedy is, however, neither seen nor heard tonight, so his legion of fans will have to settle for the King's Consort, the Orchestra and Chorus of La Fenice, and students of the Venice Conservatorio — all of them conventionally garbed, befitting the eye-caressing churches and *palazzi* in which producers Gillian Robinson and Tony Sutcliffe have located them
9.00 The Media Show. In Cuba the cold war is still raging Under siege for the past 32 years and now deserted by its former East European friends, Cuba is also fighting off an assault of the airwaves. Can the Cuban media be a forum for change, or is it being forced to defend a bankrupt system? Ministers of state jailed dissidents, Yankee refuseniks, pop stars and governments in exile give their views to Emma Freud
9.45 Short and Curlies: The Kitchen Child. Tempting odours from the kitchen prove impossible to resist for a visiting French duke and his valet From a story by Angela Carter (r)

On-off romance: Albert Brooks and Kathryn Harrold (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: Modern Romance (1981). A hilarious and perceptive romantic comedy with some wonderful in-jokes about movie-making. Stars Albert Brooks as an angst-ridden Hollywood film *editor involved in an on-off romance with Kathryn Harrold*. Directed by Albert Brooks
11.50 Film: La Mer Cruelle (1983). Continuing the *Cinema From Three Continents* season, tonight's film from Kuwait tells the story of Musaed, a young man trying to raise the dowry for his sister's wedding by pearl diving, despite the harsh conditions. In Arabic with English subtitles. Directed by Khalid Siddik. Ends at 1.40am

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.20-1.00pm Farming Diary 2.00 Members Only 2.25 The World of Golf 2.55 Starlight One 5.05-6.00 Highway to Heaven 11.45 The New Avengers 12.45 Soap 1.15 CinemAttractions 1.45 Film: Right Bank, Left Bank 3.35 Transmission 4.35-5.30 The Silk Road

BORDER

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm Gardening Time 2.00 League Football: Celtic v Rangers 4.00 Katts and Dog 4.25 Cartoon Time 4.30-6.00 McCloud: Encounter with Aries 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.45 Quiz Night 1.10 I Spy 2.10 Stand Up 2.35 Film: The Smashing Bird I Used to Know 4.25 The ITV Chart Show 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm Gardening Time 2.00 Film: Confessions of a Married Man 3.45 Film: True Grit 6.00-6.30 All Clued Up 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.40 Santa Barbara 1.35 Comics - The Ninth Art 2.10 Film: Girl on Approval 3.35 The ITV Chart Show 4.30-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm Granada This Week 2.00 Richmond Hill 2.55 Film: Women of Straw 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.45 Quiz Night 1.10 I Spy 2.10 Stand Up 2.35 Film: The Smashing Bird I Used to Know 4.25 The ITV Chart Show 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 West Country Farming 2.00 HTV Newsweek 2.30 Here Come The Double Deckers 2.55 HTV West Sports Special 4.05 Wild Goose Jack 5.05-6.00 Highway to Heaven 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.45 The ITV Chart Show 1.40 Festivals of the Far East 2.40 The US Pro-Surfing Tour 3.35 The Hit Man and Her 5.25-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 12.30-1.00pm Jimmy's 2.00 West Country Farming 2.30 K7 - The South West Ridge 3.00-4.05 Rugby Round Up

TSW

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm Farming News 2.00 Fisheries News 2.15 Coronation Street 3.10 Film: Valley of Mystery 5.00-6.00 Platform 25 11.45 In the Heat of the Night 12.40 Quiz Night 1.10 I Spy 2.10 Stand Up 2.45 Film: The Smashing Bird I Used to Know 4.25 The ITV Chart Show 5.20-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS

As London except: 12.30pm TVS News followed by Agenda 2.00 The Wonderful World of Disney 2.55 Film: True Grit 5.10-6.00 The A-Team 11.45 The Human Factor 12.15 Lord Mountbatten: The Last Viceroy 1.15 The ITV Chart Show 2.15 The Munsters Today 2.45 The Twilight Zone 3.20 Pick of the Week 4.00 The Hitman and Her 5.00-5.30 A Taste of the South

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.25-1.00pm Breakthroughs 2.00 Guinness Records 2.25 The Back Page 2.55 Film: Women of Straw 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.45 Quiz Night 1.10 I Spy 2.10 Stand Up 2.35 Film: The Smashing Bird I Used to Know 4.25 Chart Show 5.15-5.30 Jobs

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm Gardening Time 2.00 Short Story Theatre 2.55 Film: Women of Straw 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.45 Quiz Night 1.10 I Spy 2.10 Stand Up 2.35 Film: The Smashing Bird I Used to Know 4.25 Chart Show 5.15-5.30 Jobs

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.25pm Goals on Sunday 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 2.00 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 2.55 Film: True Grit 5.10-6.00 Hard Time on Planet Earth 11.45 Scrumdown 12.45 Hooperman 1.15 Pick of the Week 1.45 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The ITV Chart Show 3.00 Family Theatre 3.55 Profiles 4.00 Some Call It Jazz 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Transworld Sport 7.00 Petworld 7.30 Dr Snuggles 8.00 The Bluffers 8.30 Bobobobs 9.00 Early Bird 9.25 The Adventures of TinTin 9.30 Boom! 10.00 A Week in Politics 10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea 11.45 The End 12.00 The Waltons *12.55 Acen 1.20 O Bedwar Ben 1.30 Bwrw* Mlaen 2.00 Saving the Tiger 3.00 Cutting Edge 4.00 Film: Just William 5.25 The Three Stooges 5.45 Sinfonietta II 6.45 Sen Steffan 7.05 Newyddion 7.10 Hollwn a Holliall 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol 9.00 Mwy Na Phapur Newydd 9.45 Ffilmiau 10.00 Film: Modern Romance 11.45 Film: La Mer Cruelle 1.35 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 10.20am Topics in the History of Mathematics 10.45 Different Drummers 11.15 Service 12.00 American Century 12.50 Marketplace 1.20 Little House on the Prairie 2.10 News followed by Booklines 2.45 Sign of the Times 3.15 Film: Son of Monte Cristo 5.00 The Shape of the World 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six One Sunday 6.30 Scaoil Amach an Bobailín 7.00 The Cosby Show 7.30 School Around the Corner 8.00 Where in the World 8.30 Glenroe 9.00 News 9.20 Sandy 10.15 Ashes to Ashes 10.45 Stay Lucky 11.40 News 11.45 Close

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SKY ONE

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6.00am Bailey's Bird 6.30 Castaway 7.00 *Fun Factory* 11.00 Eight is Enough 12.00 That's Incredible 1.00pm The New Adventures of Wonder Woman 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 3.00 Those Amazing *Animals 4.00 The Love Boat 5.00 Small* Wonder 5.30 Sky Star Search 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Lonesome Dove: Part three of a four-part mini series 10.00 Falcon Crest 11.00 Entertainment Tonight 12.00 Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra satellite.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 9.00 Sunrise 9.30 Those Were the Days 10.30 Getaway 11.30 The Reporters 1.30pm Target 2.30 Our World 3.30 The Lords 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 The Reporters 7.30 Our World 8.30 Target 10.30 The Reporters 11.30 Our World 12.30am The Reporters 1.30 Target 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 Getaway 4.30 The Reporters

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● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 9.00 Sunrise 9.30 Those Were the Days 10.30 Getaway 11.30 The Reporters 1.30pm The Dolmetsch Years 4.30 Ballet: The Pina Bausch Company 5.30 Ballet: Dance Theatre of Harlem 7.30 Opera: Cimarosa's Il Matrimonio Segreto 10.30 Concert: Bach's The St John Passion 11.30 Our World 12.30am The Reporters 1.30 Target 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 Getaway 4.30 The Reporters

SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Showcase
8.00 Shock Treatment (1981): Sequel to the cult movie, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*
10.00 Stand and Deliver (1988): The true story of a teacher (Edward James Olmos), who changed the lives of his pupils
12.00 Pick-Up on South Street (1953): A *pickpocket accidentally steals a top-secret* roll of microfilm. Starring Richard Widmark
2.00pm Places in the Heart (1984): Sally Field is left on her own to tend her farm and to bring up her children
4.00 Cool Change (1979): Australian cattlemen unite in defence of a young girl facing eviction
6.00 Unholy Matrimony (1988): The true story of a real-life cop (Patrick Duffy), who sets out to foil the perfect crime
7.40 Projector
8.00 Deepstar Six (1989): Underwater horror as a team of deep sea researchers falls prey to a man-eating monster crustacean
10.00 Collision Course (1987): A Japanese *law enforcer and a Detroit cop team up to* investigate a series of murders linked with the Detroit car industry. Starring Pat Morita and Jay Leno
11.40 Paperhouse (1989): A bed-ridden 11-year-old girl's dreams parallel reality
1.10am Never on Tuesday (1988): Two teenagers (Charlie Sheen, Judd Nelson) are taught lessons in maturity and manners by a young woman (Claudia Christian)
2.40 Modern Problems (1981): Air traffic controller Chevy Chase acquires telekinetic powers and uses them to win back his former girlfriend
4.10 Grunt! The Wrestling Movie (1985). A *spoof documentary on professional wrestling*. Starring Greg "Magic" Schwarz and Marilyn Dodds Frank. Ends at 5.40

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 Transworld Sport 10.00 Men's European Cup Basketball 11.00 Sunday Alive: Superbouts; Formula 1 Motor Racing — Grand Prix of Brazil; Ski Flying World Cup, Motor Cycling Grand Prix of Japan; World Cup Skiing — Women's Downhill from Vail, Colorado 6.30pm World League of American Football 10.00 The Game of Billions 11.00 World Championship Cross Country 12.00 Formula 1 Motor Racing 2.00am Test Match Cricket

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Motorsport IMSA Camel GT 9.00 Sport de France 9.30 Action Auto 10.00 Ice Hockey NHL 1991 12.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 1.00pm Powersports International 2.00 Pro Boxing 4.00 Go 5.00 Weekend Live NBA Basketball 7.30 Motorsport World Rally Champs 8.30 Weekend Live US PGA USF&G Classic 11.00 Ten Pin Bowling 12.15am Motorsport German Rally Champs

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Johnny Ringo 12.30pm The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.50 He Shoots! He Scores 2.45 Spain Spain International Cuisine 3.00 World Class Championship Wrestling 4.00 Rocky Jones 4.25 Afternoon Cinema: Susan Slept Here 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
12.55pm *Enchanted Journey: Cartoon*
2.25 The Navigator (1988): The inhabitants of a 14th-century mining village embark on a pilgrimage to escape the Black Plague
4.00 Christine Cromwell: In Vino Veritas: Starring Jaclyn Smith and Celeste Holm
6.00 Codename Dancer (1987). Teacher Kate Capshaw leaves her husband and heads for Cuba to rescue the man who saved her life when she was a secret agent
8.00 Slaves of New York (1989): Bernadette Peters stars as an avant-garde hatmaker with boyfriend problems
10.05 Midnight Run (1988): Bounty hunter Robert De Niro captures a bail-jumping embezzler (Charles Grodin)
12.10am Streets of Justice (1985): A man sets out to avenge the death of his family
1.45 Network (1976): A biting satire on the world of broadcasting. Ends at 3.50

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
10.30am This is the Sports Channel 11.30 Scottish Football Magazine 12.30pm The Sports Channel Special: Rugby League Challenge Cup; Live Test Match Cricket; Live Italian Football, Formula 1 Grand Prix of Brazil 8.00 Scottish Football Magazine 9.00 Live Lipton's Tennis 12.00 Test Match Cricket 1.00am Sports Channel Special

THE POWER STATION

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
8.00am Twenty hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only): Shakespeare — Acting Cleopatra
6.55 Weather
7.00 Morning Concert: Soler (Sonata in F sharp, R 90: Virginia Black, harpsichord); Rimsky-Korsakov (Capriccio Espagnol: Montreal SO under Charles Dutoit); Debussy (La Soirée dans Grenade: Cécile Ousset, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Mozart (Oboe Quartet: Heinz Holliger; Orlando Quartet); Strauss (Du meines Herzens Krönelein; Cäcilie; Ständchen; Zueignung: Margaret Price, soprano, Wolfgang Sawallisch, piano); Copland (Rodeo — complete ballet: St Louis SO under Slatkin)
8.30 News
8.35 French Baroque Music: The second of six programmes. Jean-Baptiste Lully (Anima Christi: Les Arts Florissants under William Christie); Marais (Tombeau pour M De Lully: Sarah Cunningham and Ariane Maurette, violes da gamba, Mitzi Meyerson, harpsichord); Lully (Miserere: Choir and Orchestra of La Chapelle Royale under Philippe Herreweghe, with Donna Brown, soprano, Guillemette Laurens, mezzo, Howard Crook and Hervé Lamy, tenors, and Peter Kooy, bass)
9.15 Glenn Gould: The second of nine programmes tracing the Canadian pianist's career. Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat, Op 19: Leningrad PO under Vladislav Slovak); Bach (Partita No 6 in E minor, BWV 830)
10.15 Music Weekly, presented by Peter Paul Nash. Henry Zajaczkowski examines paradoxes in Tchaikovsky's character; and, from New Orleans, Jan Smaczny reports from a conference on Dvorák
11.00 From the Proms 1990: *Moscow Virtuosi under* Vladimir Spivakov performs Mozart (Symphony No 29 in A, K 201); Shostakovich, arr Barshai (Chamber Symphony); Vivaldi (The Four Seasons), incl 11.45 Interval Reading (r)
12.45pm Replay: The last programme in the series in which Philip French delves into the BBC sound archives. In 1949, Rose Macaulay talked about building a library (r)
1.00 News
1.05 Your Comic Relief Choice: Paul Guinery presents a further selection of requests from listeners who have written in over the past few weeks with donations to Comic Relief
2.30 St John Passion: Hilliard Ensemble, Capricorn, Western Wind Chamber Choir under Paul Hillier perform a setting of the Latin text by Arvo Pärt
3.45 Celebrity Recital: The pianist Alfred Brendel plays Haydn (Sonata in C minor, H XVI 20); Schumann (Etudes symphoniques). 4.45 Alfred Brendel talks with Natalie Wheen (r). 5.10 Beethoven (Six Variations, Op 34; Sonata in A flat, Op 110)
6.00 Sunday Sequence: From Ripon cathedral, a commemoration with words and music of themes relating to the events of Palm Sunday and Holy Week
7.00 Three Sorrowful Mysteries: Biber (Mystery Sonatas: The Sweating of Blood; The Crowning with Thorns; The Carrying of the Cross: Tragicomedia, with John Holloway, violin, Davitt Moroney, organ and harpsichord)
7.30 Sunday Play: Kings, by Christopher Logue. Alan Howard performs an account of the first two books of Homer's *Iliad*. The Greeks are still outside the walls of Troy in the ninth year of the war. When Achilles and Agamemnon quarrel over a slave girl, the gods intervene and change the course of destiny
9.20 Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Neeme Järvi, with Daniel Stabrawa, violin, performs Arvo Pärt (Symphony No 3); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 1 in D, Op 19); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 5 in E minor, Op 64)
10.55 Membra Jesu Nostri: Ad ubera portabimini. Soloists, Hanover Boys Choir, Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra under Ton Koopman perform the second of seven Holy Week cantatas by Buxtehude, in a Lutheran devotional context
11.25 Allegri String Quartet performs Haydn (String Quartet, Op 64 No 2 in B minor); Egon Wellesz (Quartet No 5) (r)
12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
6.00am News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prelude (s) 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken (s) 6.55 Weather 7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 On Your Farm: Henrietta Green joins Mike Horrell for a Cornish breakfast 7.40 Sunday, incl 7.55 Weather
8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50 Nigel Havers speaks for the *Week's Good Cause* on behalf of Sequal, a charity which offers practical help to *profoundly disabled adults* and children 8.55 Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service: Worship for Palm Sunday from Knowle Parish Church, Solihull, West Midlands
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand, with Anne Speckman
11.30 Pick of the Week (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Marti Caine (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: A postbag edition
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: The Way South
● CHOICE: This moving and often harrowing drama by Jacqueline Holborough examines the complex relationship between a woman prison officer and one of her charges, Jo, who is on hunger strike after serving 14 years in a high security block. The prisoner looks forward to her transfer to an open prison and when this is turned down "in the public interest" she explodes in fury and bitterness and sinks into despair. Lynn Farleigh stars as Jo and Marlene Sidaway as officer Casey. The play is a well-merited repeat from Radio 3 (s)
3.30 *The Radio Programme* (s)
4.00 News; Analysis: From Clogs to Clogs? In the first of a three-part series, Peter Hennessy examines the origins of Britain's economic under-performance (r)
4.47 Time for Verse: Carol Ann Duffy visits the St Andrew's Poetry Festival (s)
5.00 News; Down Your Way: Dan Topolski previews the 137th Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race
5.40 Dragons of a Feather: Roger Worsley looks at the "wise old" owl and discovers that it is also a bird of ill omen (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News; Sports Round-Up
6.15 The Professionals: Parsons, Priests and Rabbis. The last of four views of different occupations as seen from the BBC sound archives. Reverend Gordon Mursell contemplates a religious vocation (s) (r)
6.30 Europhile: Max Easterman looks behind the headlines in the European papers (r)
7.00 In Business: Something from Nothing. A report on Britain's Asian Immigrants (r)
7.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks to Susan Hill about her new novel, *Air and Angels* (r)
8.00 Punters: Listeners report on a variety of issues (r)
8.40 Reading Aloud: Eleanor Bron reads a compilation of stories from Collette's *Music-Hall Sidelights* (s)
9.00 News; Enquire Within: Dilly Barlow finds out why voices change with age and football clubs have odd nicknames (r)
9.15 The Natural History Programme: The struggle to save Europe's rarest goose (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Haiti in Two Acts: Lavalas. Andy Kershaw returns to Haiti in time for a general election and witnesses the troubled country's passage to democracy (s) (r)
11.00 In Committee: Peter Hill examines the work of Parliament's select committees
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Mary Magdalene. The composer Francis Grier reflects on the sixth of seven stories of women in the Bible (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Jenny Costello 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops: The Top 20 charts of 1960, 1975 and 1983 2.30 Philip Schofield 4.30 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00-2.00am John Peel

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am David Allan 6.00 Graham Knight 7.00 Don Maclean says Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Richard Baker with Melodies for You 11.00 Desmond Carrington: Radio 2 All-Time Greats 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy 4.00 Palm Court Time 4.30 You Can Sing the Next Song (r) 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00 John Lawrenson 8.00 The Magic That is Music 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 The Radio 2 Arts Programme: Oscar Preview, Live from Los Angeles, with Sheridan Morley 12.05am Personal Choice. Moira Shearer 1.00am Len Jackson with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian Reports 7.00 News and 24 Hours 7.30 Sunday Edition, incl 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 Sport 9.00 Sport 9.02 This Family Business, incl 10.00 Sport 10.30 Education Matters (r) 11.00 Sport 11.02 Circus in the Blood: Life under the big top 11.30 The Price of Greens: Final Reckoning (r) 12.00 Sport 12.03pm Open University: Open Forum 12.22 Education for Adults 1.00 Sport 1.03 Material Issues — Engineering Materials 1.22 Shakespeare — Acting Cleopatra 1.41 Ballads, Folk Song and the Romantics 2.00 Sport 2.02-5.00 As Radio 2, incl 3.00, 4.00 Sport 5.00 Sport 5.02 As Radio 4 6.00 Sports Round-Up 6.10 Bob Holness Rattle 6.40 Fanshawe on Five (r) 7.20 Open University: Culture and Belief in Europe 1450-1600 7.40 Social Sciences Foundation Course 8.00 The New Curiosity Shop — Biomagnetism 8.20 The Remaking of Europe — Welfare and Inequality 8.40 18th-Century Political Prints 9.00 Nightbeat 9.30 Across the Line, incl 10.00 Sport 11.00 Sport 11.05 World Service 12.00-12.05am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 5.00am German Features 5.35 News in German; Headlines in English and French 5.47 Press Review 5.52 Financial News 5.56 Weather and Travel News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent 7.50 Write On... 8.00 News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 Music for a While 9.00 News 9.15 The Peoples of South Africa 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Book Choice 9.45 Society Today 10.01 Science in Action 10.30 In Praise of God 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Midi Magazine 12.00 News 12.01pm Play of the Week: Under the Rainbow 1.00 News and 24 Hours 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.01 Food Phone-in 3.00 News 3.15 Concert Hall 4.00 *News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15* BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 5.00 News 5.09 Book Choice 5.15 Club 648 5.30 Londres Soir 6.15 BBC English 6.30 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.09 Personal View 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 Music for a While 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Words of Faith 11.10 Book Choice 11.15 Letter from America 11.30 Food Phone-In 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am In Praise of God 1.01 Manna to Microwave 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Composer of the Month: Gustav Mahler 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 Cooking the Books 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Letter from America 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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Queen to lead the war tribute

By RICHARD FORD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Queen will lead the nation's tribute to the 34,000 British troops, who served in the Gulf war, at a church service in Scotland and victory parade through the City of London.

The service of remembrance and thanksgiving is to be held in Glasgow cathedral on May 4, the prime minister informed MPs yesterday. John Major will attend the service and representatives of the opposition parties, as well as Margaret Thatcher, have been invited.

Government sources yesterday were anxious to avoid using the term "victory" in relation to both events.

The service in Scotland will be one of remembrance for those who fell on the battlefield and thanksgiving for those who returned safely.

Mr Major, who since becoming prime minister has twice visited Scotland, where the Tories have only ten seats, was said to be keen for the service to be held in Glasgow because, during his visits to the Gulf he met a number of Scottish troops and was impressed by the extent of their commitment.

Representatives of the coalition members will be invited to the Glasgow service but the parade in the City of London will be specifically for British troops.

Forgotten photographer's memories of a glamorous era

Cecil Beaton, photographed in the sequined dress which he used at the time in a review in Cambridge, left, Gladys Cooper, centre, and Tallulah Bankhead, right, evoke memories of the glamorous Twenties

Treasures rediscovered

Continued from Page 1

ment photograph of Prince Philip and Princess Elizabeth are included.

When Wilding died there was no obituary in *The Times*, despite the fact that she was one of the most famous photographers of the 20th century. "I hope our exhibition will put her back on the map," said Mr Pepper.

The National Portrait Gallery was surprised that so many of her royal portraits had survived the Blitz. "But she had wisely deposited them at her bank."

Another Iraqi plane shot down by US

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site where an SU22 was shot down on Wednesday. Pentagon sources said that both planes were operating near Saddam's home town of Takrit in northern Iraq and were part of the government's campaign against Kurdish opposition forces. A trainer aircraft flying alongside the Iraqi fighter had not been targeted, the sources said, and was reported to have landed safely. Mr Fitzwater insisted that there was a deliberate "murkiness" about how America would respond in future to Saddam's military crackdown. Other White House officials said that the president was actively seeking new ways to curb Saddam without providing direct support to the insurgent movements.

After Wednesday's shooting, President Bush said that he believed it unlikely that there would be future breaches of the temporary ceasefire agreed on March 3. Saddam's latest action in using fixed-wing fighter aircraft is seen in Washington as a snub to the president which could toughen the American stance towards permanent ceasefire terms.

In New York, the UN Security Council's sanctions committee agreed to lift its ban on food shipments to Iraq and was debating conditions for allowing in fuel and other essentials, diplomats said.

Thousands will be eligible for Gulf campaign medals

By MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of men and women who took part in Britain's Operation Granby in the war with Iraq are to receive campaign medals. Many are also expected to be given bravery awards, including some SAS members who operated behind enemy lines for more than seven weeks.

Four out of the 25 British servicemen killed in the war were from the SAS. They were Corporal David Denbury, aged 26, Private Robert Consiglio, aged 24, Corporal Steven Lane, aged 27, and Sergeant Vincent Phillips, aged 36. Although the circumstances behind their deaths have not been revealed, it is possible their courage may be recognised posthumously. Other members of the SAS may also be given bravery awards. Seven SAS men were held prisoners of war.

Senior commanders from the three services who took part in the war have drawn up lists of men and women they recommend for bravery awards. The recommendations go through the chain of command to Lieutenant-General Sir Peter de la Billière, British commander, and then on to the three service chiefs. The recommendations are considered by a special cabinet committee and approved by the Queen. An award is likely to be given to Sir Peter, who is already the most-decorated officer in the British Army.

A number of Tornado GR1 crews, who were involved in low-level attacks on Iraqi airfields in the early days of the war, are likely to be included in the awards. Yesterday a spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said decisions still had to be made over who would be eligible. Civilians and merchant seamen who played important roles may also receive the medal. Qualification will depend on how long each person served in the war zone.

● **Funeral service:** Dozens of soldiers from the SAS yesterday joined mourners at the funeral of three of their comrades who died behind enemy lines during the Gulf war.

More than 600 people crowded into the SAS's regimental church of St Martins in Hereford, close to its base at Stirling Lines, for the funerals of Corporal Lane, Sergeant Phillips, and, Trooper Consiglio.

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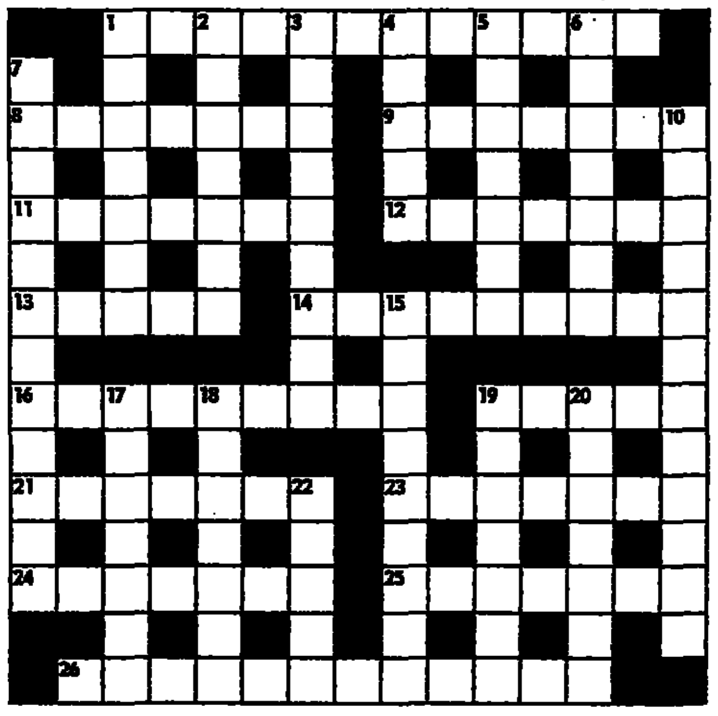

ACROSS

1 Drink up what he'd not drunk before church (4,3,5).

8 Cross, it's clear, showed the way (7).

9 Out of breath — tell a joke about it (7).

11 The man's given a conservative account (7).

12 Things made of metal could deteriorate in water (7).

13 8 ahead, leading the series (5).

14 Used to soften millet — one foments it (9).

16 Flower from high priest upset Diana (6,3).

19 Small creature without a tail — it resembles a gnat (5).

21 What is 500 + 4 ÷ 50 please? (7).

23 Ragged man wearing torn scrap of cloth (7).

24 Stage now under discussion (7).

25 Give voice to private spite (7).

26 With no work, under pressure to retire, it could make quite a stir (7-5).

DOWN

1 Has a dislike of exams — primarily of French (7).

2 Protest march not to be considered (4-3).

3 Derby date arranged in Paddington, perhaps (5,4).

4 Shell soldier participating in the rising (5).

5 Roads ran almost up to military depot (7).

6 Business in time makes money (7).

7 Trustworthy, and still improving (2,3,2,3,2).

10 Brunel's innovative form of transport — "Stagecoach"? (5,7).

15 Military command could be responsible for mad errors (5,4).

17 Some apparel I eventually replace (7).

18 Colourful lady cutting material up into quarters (7).

19 It reminds me to infiltrate soldiers (7).

20 Soldier has to last for hours with nothing to eat (7).

22 Master starts to teach under the old regime (5).

Concise crossword page 15

Solution to Puzzle No 18,560

INSECT■THEMATIC
N■O■O■T■E■A■R■A
STAUNCH■CURLING
T■P■V■A■A■X■V■E
ABBREVIATE■AIRY
N■O■N■■■Q■C■A■■
TAXIING■MEASLES
E■■■E■U■B■P■■■C
REFINES■STICKER
■■O■T■T■■■T■I■E
DOXY■MARTIALLAW
E■T■S■T■R■L■O■J
MOROCCO■ALIBABA
O■O■A■R■P■S■R■C
BETARAYS■STREAK

Solution to Puzzle No 18,555

FLORA■UNFOUNDED
R■C■S■N■R■S■I■E
ESCAPABLE■HOSEA
E■A■A■O■E■E■B■L
SUMER■UNDERWENT
H■■■A■N■O■■■L■■
ENGAGED■MESSIAH
E■L■U■■■■■L■E■A
TWINSET■FEARFUL
■■S■■■H■I■P■■■F
EASYGOING■HOTEL
S■A■U■R■T■A■A■I
TUNIS■STRIPLING
O■D■T■T■E■P■G■H
PROTOTYPE■YEAST

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HAKAMAROO
a. A Maori war chant
b. A Japanese verse form like haiku
c. Aggressive borrowing

YAKHDAN
a. A yak cart
b. An ice box
c. A Muslim veil

SHABRACK
a. Seaweed
b. A type of cabbage
c. A saddlecloth

ENARTHROSIS
a. Ball-and-socket joint
b. Gout
c. Exposure of the dead

Answers on page 15

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LIGHTING-UP TIMES

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Bristol 6.28 pm to 6.05 am
Edinburgh 6.32 pm to 6.06 am
Manchester 6.27 pm to 6.03 am
Penzance 6.39 pm to 6.18 am

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: M R Hall, The Close, Rectory Lane, Stevenage, Hertfordshire; B Warren, Oakley Street, London; J Collin, Holway Avenue, Taunton, Somerset; R J Percival, Cranbrook Road, Bexleyheath, Kent; P S Chapman, Osborne View Road, Hill Head, Fareham, Hampshire.

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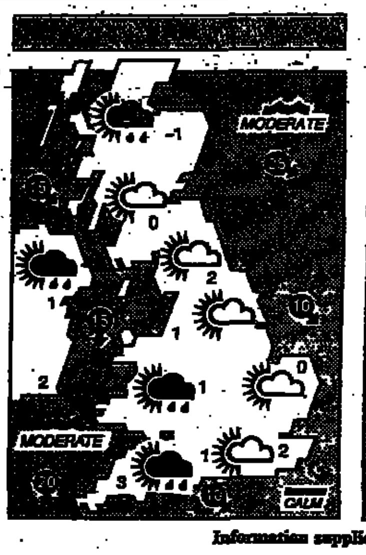

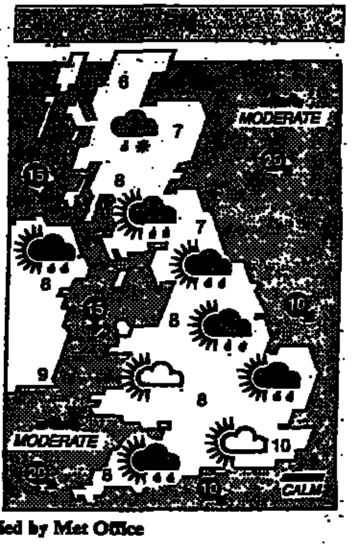

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Ajaccio	17	63	f	Luxor	25	77	f
Akrotiri	17	63	r	Madrid	10	50	f
Algiers	21	70	s	Majorca	17	63	f
Amst'dm	9	48	s	Malaga	15	59	f
Athens	19	66	f	Malta	19	66	s
Bahrain	23	73	s	Miami*	26	79	s
Barbados*	29	84	c	Milan	12	54	c
Barcelna	16	61	s	Montreal*	-1	30	f
Belgrade	25	77	s	Moscow	4	39	c
Bermuda*	22	72	f	Naples	18	64	f
Biarritz	16	61	f	N Delhi	29	84	s
Borde'x	13	55	f	N York*	9	48	c
Brussels	9	48	f	Nice	16	61	c
B Aires*	28	82	f	Paris	9	48	c
Cairo	17	63	c	Perth	29	84	f
Cape Tn	20	68	s	Prague	9	48	c
C'blanca	12	54	r	Rhodes	19	66	s
C'phagn	7	45	c	Rio de J	29	84	s
Corfu	18	64	s	Riyadh	29	84	s
Dublin	7	45	r	Rome	17	63	f
Dubrovnik	19	66	c	S F'risco*	12	54	c
Faro	14	57	f	S Paulo*	21	70	c
Florence	17	63	c	Sing'por	31	88	f
Frankfurt	11	52	c	St'kholm	5	41	c
Funchal	15	59	c	Sydney	25	77	s
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Innsbrck	17	63	f	Tokyo	7	45	r
Istanbul	14	57	s	Tunis	24	75	f
Jeddah	34	93		Valencia	18	64	s
Jo'burg*	16	61	f	Vanc'ver*	6	43	r
L Palmas	20	68	f	Venice	14	57	f
Lisbon	12	54	f	Vienna	18	64	s
L Angels*	12	54	s	Wash'ton*	15	59	f
Luxembg	8	46	f	Zurich	5	41	r

* denotes figures are latest available

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.8	.05	9	48	shower
Anglesey	7.4	.16	9	48	sunny
Aviemore	3.8	.15	8	46	shower
Belfast	7.4	.23	9	48	hail
Blackpool	8.2	.10	9	48	sunny
Bristol	5.6	.04	13	55	shower
Buxton	7.7	.11	8	46	sunny
Cardiff	6.0	-	11	52	shower
Douglas	9.7	.48	9	48	sunny
Edinburgh	5.2	.32	11	52	bright
Eskdalemuir	5.4	.55	8	46	hail
Hunstanton	8.8	-	11	52	sunny
Kinloss	2.6	.20	9	48	shower
Lerwick	6.0	.02	7	45	hail
London	4.5	-	15	59	bright
Lowestoft	5.6	-	14	57	sunny
Minehead	7.9	-	12	54	sunny
Morecambe	8.1	.20	11	52	sunny
Nottingham	9.4	.01	11	52	sunny
Scarborough	0.6	.04	7	45	cloudy
Shanklin	8.6	.04	12	54	sunny
Stornoway	7.8	.03	8	46	shower
Teignmouth	2.9	.31	13	55	rain
Tenby	5.7	.05	10	50	sunny
Wick	6.3	.18	8	46	shower

Thursday: Highest day temp: London Weather Centre, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Camborne, Cornwall, 0.87 in; highest sunshine: Sandown, Isle of Wight, 10.2 hr.

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.39	2.24
Austria Sch	21.50	20.20
Belgium Fr	63.35	59.35
Canada $	2.182	2.032
Denmark Kr	11.16	11.06
Finland Mkk	7.35	6.90
France Fr	10.39	9.74
Germany Dm	3.07	2.87
Greece Dr	329.00	309.00
Hong Kong $	14.55	13.55
Ireland Pt	1.15	1.08
Italy Lira	2285	2145
Japan Yen	261.00	244.00
Netherlands Gld	3455	3245
Norway Kr	11.95	11.25
Portugal Esc	268.25	250.25
South Africa Rd	5.35	4.85
Spain Pta	189.50	176.50
Sweden Kr	11.21	10.53
Switzerland Fr	2.63	2.46
Turkey Lira	6950	6150
USA $	1.875	1.755
Yugoslavia Dar	38.00	26.00

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.17	6.3	6.48	5.9
Aberdeen	6.06	3.5	7.00	3.5
Avonmouth	11.51	10.7		
Falmouth	10.01	4.2	10.35	4.2
Glasgow	5.10	4.3	5.38	4.0
Harwich	4.14	3.6	4.44	3.3
Liverpool	3.35	8.0	4.21	7.8
Lowestoft	2.01	2.2	2.24	2.0
Oban	10.41	2.8	10.48	2.9
Penzance	9.45	4.4	10.21	4.4
Tees	8.34	4.5	9.19	4.4
W'ton-on-Nze	4.12	3.8	4.41	3.5

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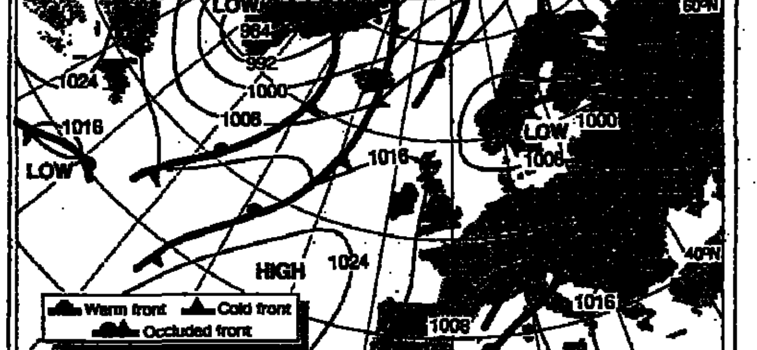
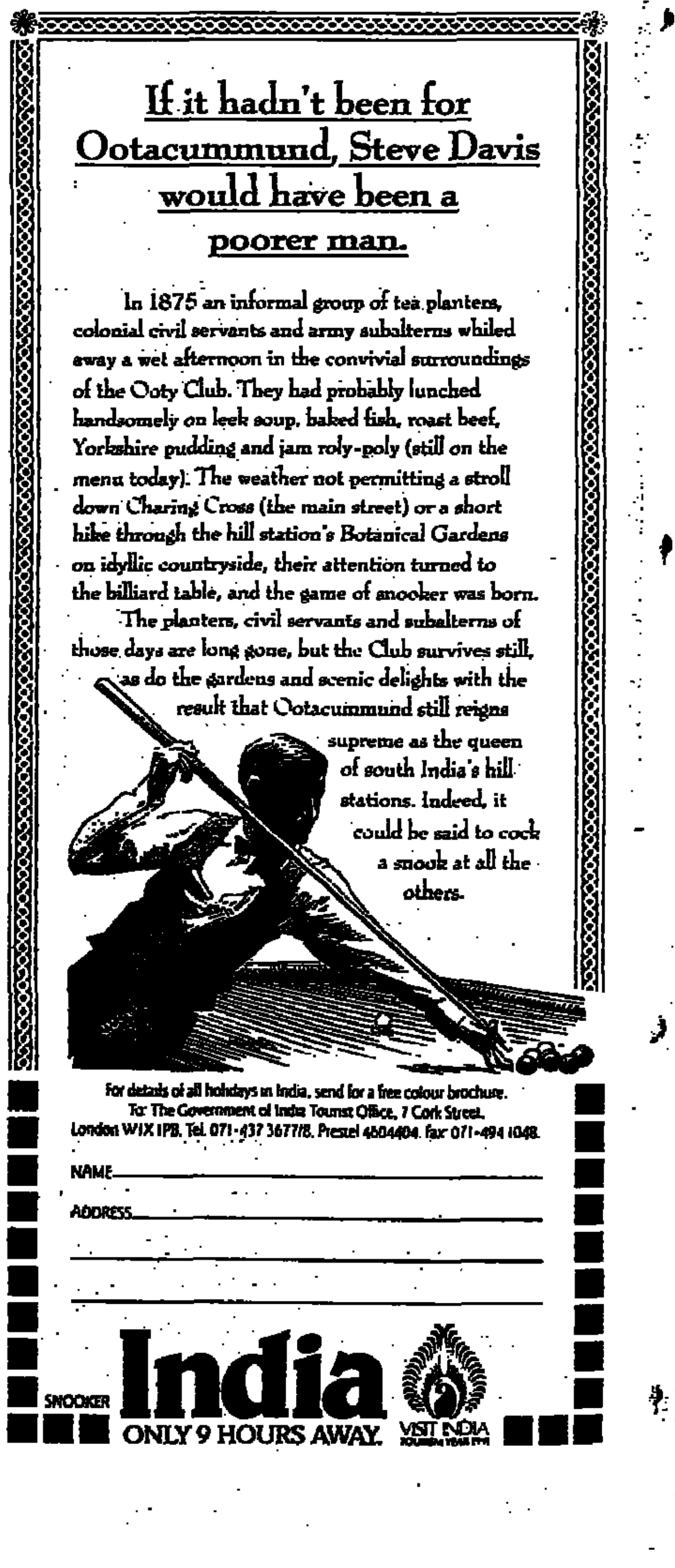


TODAY	Sun rises:	Sun sets:	TOMORROW	Sun rises:	Sun sets:
	5.58 am	6.18 pm		5.56 am	6.20 pm
	Moon sets:	Moon rises:		Moon sets:	Moon rises:
	2.27 am	9.55 am		3.12 am	11.18 am
First quarter 6.03 am			Full moon March 30		



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BUSINESS

WEEKEND MONEY

Shares on the shelves

SUPERMARKETS and stores may soon be selling shares over the counter if proposals outlined in the Budget by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, come to fruition.

The high street banks are enthusiastic about the possibilities the initiative opens up, but stores say it will be some time before share dealing facilities are available.

The government is hoping to use high street networks to market shares in British Telecom when it sells off part of its remaining stake in the coming year.......... Page 31

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Anthony Tennant, chairman and chief executive of Guinness is confident and decisive, with the relaxed assurance of his class. But everything about him is understated, almost to the point of self deprecation. He talks to Carol Leonard .... Page 27

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A FURTHER cut of half a percentage point in base rates was given a cool reception by the stock market. The FT-SE 100 index closed 34.3 down, at 2,440.5.................. Page 29

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Societies rule out immediate home loan reductions

By Lindsay Cook and Sara McConnell

HOMEOWNERS will have to wait until May for a cut in their mortgage rates because the half-point reduction in bank base rates yesterday was not enough to justify a further reduction, according to the leading lenders. A further half-point base rate cut is expected in the next few weeks.

None of the large lenders cut their base mortgage rate because of the fall in the bank rate to 12.5 per cent, nor did they expect to do so in the next few days. The differential between bank base rates and mortgage rates has widened over the past year. In February 1990, when bank base rates rose to 15 per cent, standard mortgage rates were increased to a record high of 15.4 per cent. When base rates were cut to 13 per cent in February, building societies set their standard mortgage rates at 13.75 per cent. This reduction comes into effect for existing borrowers at most societies on April 1. Competition for savings is forcing societies to take care when trimming their mortgage rates.

John Bayliss, Abbey National's managing director, said: "The half per cent cut is great news. We expect another rate cut in the next few weeks and if this comes we will be reducing our rate by a further 0.75 per cent by the end of April or early May.

"We have never moved on a half per cent cut. It costs us £250,000 in administration every time there is a rate cut."

Nationwide Building Society announced a reduction from April 1 for new borrowers of 0.95 per cent but said it would not cut the rate for existing borrowers until bank base rates fell again. John Hutchinson, the retail operations director, said: "We believe a further base rate cut is not far away, and we will be quick to reduce interest rates again for existing borrowers. We hope our actions will help to stimulate activity in the housing market, which will be of particular benefit to people on the move."

The rates for new borrowers will give a monthly saving of £17.81 for a £30,000 endowment loan and £89.06 on a £120,000 mortgage.

First Mortgage Securities, the London centralised lender, cut its rate for new borrowers to 13.45 per cent and will reduce the rate for existing customers on May 1. Nicholas Deutsch, the managing director, said: "As centralised lenders, we are able to react immediately to base rate cuts and, at 13.45 per cent, our new mortgage rate is better than that currently offered by the major building societies."

A Woolwich Building Society spokeswoman said: "Another half-point cut is a welcome move but not enough for us to change our base rate." Existing borrowers will see their payments cut on April 1 to take account of the last decrease. From next month its standard mortgage rate is 13.75 per cent, down from 14.5 per cent.

Mike Blackburn, chief executive of the Leeds Permanent Building Society, said: "Piecemeal reductions impose tremendous administrative burdens and costs which are inevitably passed on to our members in the long run. Because a further rate cut is expected in the near term, we are not reacting on this occasion. A further reduction of half a per cent will then certainly knock at least 0.5 per cent off our mortgage rate."

The four big high street banks said they were not reducing their mortgage rate following the base rate cut.

● **VAT hits home deals:** Homebuyers are likely to be among the worst hit by the increase in VAT from April 1. According to the Woolwich Building Society, a person selling a home for £65,000 in England and Wales and buying another for £100,000 will pay £16 more on solicitors' fees, £37 more on estate agency bills, £5 extra for removals, and £6 more on a survey. The TMS partnership, which surveys expenditure on all furniture and floor coverings, estimates that £1.7 billion was spent on these by home buyers in the year to June 1990 — an average £950 per household.

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New figures on core inflation alarm markets

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

A RISE larger than expected in retail prices in February reawakened fears that Britain's underlying inflation is proving more stubborn than the financial markets and the government had hoped.

Official figures showed that the retail price index rose 0.5 per cent last month to 130.9. This lowered headline inflation to an annual 8.9 per cent from 9 per cent in January, but held it above the City forecast of 8.7 per cent. Underlying measures showed annual inflation rising slightly.

The inflation data added to market disappointment over a half-point cut in base rates to 12.5 per cent, which was announced 90 minutes earlier. A full point cut had been expected.

Share prices fell. Having shed about 13 points after the base rate move, the FT-SE 100 index extended losses a further 10 points after the retail price data. A weaker Wall Street pushed the FT-SE 100 indexto 2,440.5 at the close, down 34.3 on the day.

The pound ended almost a pfennig higher at DM2.944, as market hopes of more base rate cuts waned. On its trade weighted index, the pound rose 0.2 to 92.6. In the money market, the three-month interbank rate closed unchanged at 12⁹⁄₁₆ per cent.

In his Budget speech, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, predicted confidently that annual inflation will drop to 4 per cent in the final quarter this year, with falling inflation fuelling the recovery he expects to start this summer.

A large reduction in poll tax bills, plus mortgage rate changes between this year and last, should bring headline inflation down dramatically in the months ahead. Annual inflation close to 6 per cent appears almost certain in April, falling below 6 per cent in May.

However, a 3.9 per cent jump in seasonal food prices, the highest monthly increase for 15 years, prompted by the cold spell last month, and a stronger-than-expected recovery in prices for household goods, clothes and leisure items, caused unease.

Michael Saunders, economist at Salomon Brothers, said the retail price data were much harder to ignore than recent disappointing producer price figures for February, which showed inflation at the factory gate static at an annual 6.3 per cent.

He said: "Together, the producer price and RPI data tell a consistent story: despite a recession that began in mid-1990, underlying UK inflation is yet to turn convincingly downwards."

The government's preferred measure of inflation, which excludes mortgage interest payments and poll tax from the RPI, showed annual inflation rising from 7.4 per cent to 7.5 per cent.

Ian Harnett, chief economist at Strauss Turnbull, commented that yesterday's base rate cut sat uncomfortably with a very disappointing picture of core inflation. The base rate cut was the first since February 27 and the third half-point easing since mid-February. The government's more cautious approach to easing the monetary reins makes it unlikely that further rate cuts will come before Easter, although some economists believe that a good set of trade figures on Monday could allow a further half-point cut.

The government view was expressed by John Maples, economic secretary to the Treasury, who said the base rate cut was "careful", while a full point would have been "taking a bit of a risk".

Tentative evidence that the economy could start to recover from the recession in the third quarter this year were provided in the Central Statistical Office's latest cyclical indicators. In January, the longer leading indicator, which is supposed to identify turning points in the economy about a year in advance, appears to have improved in the third quarter last year.

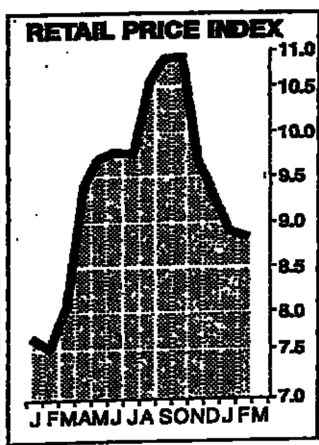
Although the reliability of these indicators is questioned by many economists, the statistical office says the longer leader accurately predicted the last peak in the economic cycle.

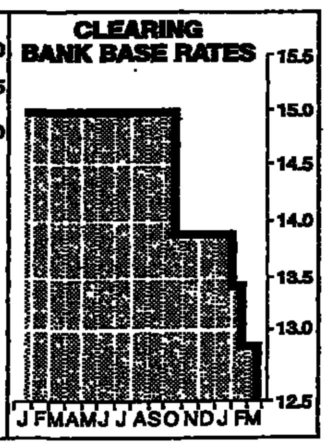
Attention will now focus on the shorter leading indicator, which detects turning points about six months ahead. In January, this indicator continued to decline, reflecting lower consumer credit and new car registrations, and gloomy surveys from the Confederation of British Industry.

The longer leading index stood at a provisional 95.6 in January, compared with 95.7 in December, but still above levels seen last autumn.

Meanwhile, the Bundesbank led another round of central bank intervention against the dollar after buyers for the American currency reappeared in force. In London, the dollar closed at DM1.6440, up more than half a pfennig, having been as low as DM1.6300 at one stage. By midday in New York, however, upward pressure on the dollar eased.

The weakness of the mark, while increasing the chances of Britain and other European countries bringing their inflation rates down to German levels, is causing concern for the German authorities and could provoke the Bundesbank into tightening its key lending rates.





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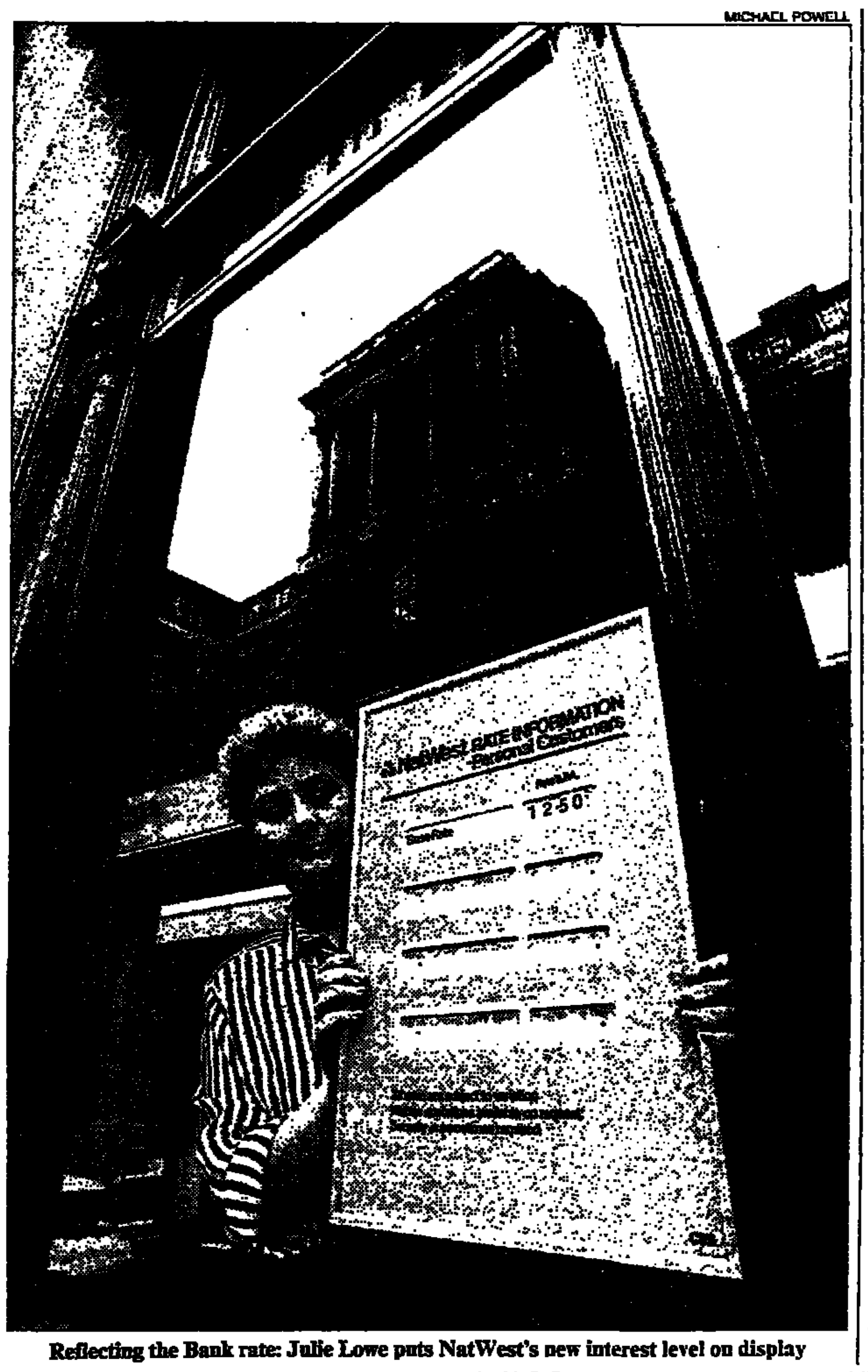

MICHAEL POWELL

Reflecting the Bank rate: Julie Lowe puts NatWest's new interest level on display

Redland to raise £280m in cash call

By Martin Waller

REDLAND, the building materials group, has announced the largest in this week's rush of rights issues, a £280 million cash call of one new share for every five in issue at a large discount to its current market price.

The group says it wants the money to pay off almost all its existing borrowings and fund expansion. The issue is at 510p, against a market price 16p lower at 617p last night.

Sir Colin Corness, the chairman, accompanied an announcement of Redland's results for last year with a warning that trading conditions in its main markets, with the exception of Germany, would remain difficult this year. Redland pre-tax profit fell from £250.2 million to £245 million.

A 16.75p final dividend makes a 25p total, an increase from 23.35p last time. Turnover was ahead by 6 per cent to £1.64 billion. But earnings per shares were 8.9p lower at 52.3p, in part because of the cost of a first-time dividend on its preference stock.

The board considered it important to continue its capital investment and acquisition programmes, Sir Colin said. Concrete roof tiles in eastern Europe, the Far East and America represented a significant opportunity, along with clay roof tiles in the European market.

Redland believes the building industry is near the bottom of the cycle, and the rights issue will allow it to pick up acquisitions at its leisure.

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Owen Owen pays £10m for five stores

Lewis's doors stay open

By Jonathan Prynn

OWEN OWEN, the Liverpool store group owned by London & Edinburgh Trust, has won the battle to take control of Lewis's, the regional department store chain that went into receivership in January.

Grant Thornton, the joint receiver to Lewis's announced that it has sold five stores to Owen Owen for about £10 million. The branches being acquired include the flagship stores in Liverpool, Manchester and Leeds. The stores in Oxford and Hanley, near Stoke, are also being sold.

Between them the five account for 1,400 of the remaining 2,684 employees of the company. They will open under Owen Owen ownership on Monday but will continue to trade under the Lewis's name.

The deal marks the failure of an attempted buy-in led by Paul Taylor, the former managing director of Harrods. The buy-in team bid £17.25 million for ten stores including the five that have been sold.

Paul Richards, the managing director of Shire Trust, which was acting as adviser to the buy-in team, said their offer had been "frozen out" by Capital & Counties, which owns the freeholds to the Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester and Oxford stores. "The receiver told us our offer was not capable of acceptance because Capital & Counties had already done a deal with Owen Owen," he said.

Capital & Counties paid £79 million for six Lewis's stores freeholds, a long lease and £20 million of Lewis's preference shares in 1988.

The sale leaves six stores with the receivers. These are likely to be sold piecemeal. Enquiries have been received for all the stores. Allan Griffiths, of Grant Thornton, said the stores would continue to trade "for the time being" and their future "reviewed on a weekly basis."

Alex Smith, the managing director of Owen Owen said: "Our improved trading performance from existing business has seen turnover and profitability increase substantially in what has been a poor year for retailing and gave LET the confidence to sanction further expansion." The deal almost doubles the size of Owen Owen and takes the total number of stores in the group to 22.

Lewis's collapsed in January when National Westminster withdrew its banking facilities. The company, which was bought out from Sears in 1988, owed creditors £50 million, including £30 million of bank debt.

Lilley bus ruling reversed by court

By Matthew Bond

A YORKSHIRE bus company has succeeded in having a decision by Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, overturned in the High Court.

Last August, Mr Lilley accepted a report from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that said £2.9 million of takeovers made in September 1989 could be expected to act against the public interest. SYT, of Yorkshire, was therefore ordered to sell the four businesses concerned.

Yesterday, however, Mr Justice Otton reversed Mr Lilley's decision.

At the centre of the dispute is the commission's report into SYT's acquisition of Sheffield and District Transport, Michael Groves, Sheafline (PSV) and the Hallam Bus company. According to the report, these deals increased SYT's share of the Sheffield bus market from 73 per cent to 87 per cent.

The commission said SYT had exceeded the statutory limits for permissible market share within what the Fair Trading Act 1973 defines as "a substantial part of the United Kingdom". Mr Justice Otton disagreed, saying the Sheffield area, with 4 per cent of the nation's bus services, could not be described as substantial.

The High Court decision is likely to encourage local bus operators, which have been dismayed by the increase in Office of Fair Trading monitoring of local takeovers.

Last night, the trade department, which wants more competition in local bus services, said it would consider the decision before deciding whether to appeal.

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Tarmac	255½p (-9p)
Computer People	170p (-20p)
Slough Estates	256p (-12p)
Hammerson 'A'	652½p (-13p)
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NatWest Bancorp chairman steps down

By NEIL BENNETT IN LONDON AND
PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

THE chairman of NatWest Bancorp, National Westminster's American subsidiary, has resigned after the bank lost $352 million last year.

Meanwhile, Natwest Bancorp is among 70 banks being asked to exchange assets for loans by Donald Trump, the former American property billionaire, now in danger of being unable to repay his debts in cash.

William Knowles, the chairman and chief executive of NatWest Bancorp, resigned after talks with the group's management. He is being replaced by John Tugwell, who is leaving his job as chief executive of NatWest's international division. Mr Tugwell will keep his place on NatWest's main board.

Tom Frost, the group chief executive, said it was important that the bank's American business made a proper contribution to profits. "NatWest Bancorp is our most significant investment outside Britain," he said.

NatWest has taken action at Bancorp after a string of disappointing results, which were worsened by the recession in America and the slump in property prices.

The bank has been forced to inject $300 million into America over the past year to prop up its capital adequacy, after federal regulators declared that many of its property loans were non-performing. The bank suffered a loss in 1990 due to bad debt provisions of $598 million, part of them on loans to Mr Trump.

The Trump Organisation, Mr Trump's private property, gambling and airline empire, has only $18 million left of the $65 million cash put up by bankers in a rescue package last summer. At current rates of spending, it will run out within in two months.

Natwest Bancorp, which is one of Mr Trump's seven main bankers, declined to comment. The bank advanced a further $5 million of the $65 million package put together by 70 banks owed a total of $2 billion.

Banking sources confirmed that executives of Mr Trump's empire have begun circulating proposals, seeking a deal to exchange assets for debts. Detailed discussions are expected to start within a fortnight.

Cambridge leaps

CAMBRIDGE Water boosted pre-tax profits by 82 per cent to £1.97 million in the 12 months to end-December on turnover 20 per cent up at £10.6 million. A second interim dividend of 36p makes 72p for the period. The period will last 15 months to the end of this month and a final dividend will be announced in July.

Jourdan falls

Pre-tax profits at Thomas Jourdan, the consumer products company, fell from £2.11 million to £1.21 million in 1990, prompting the board to cut the total dividend from 5.6p to 2.5p with a 1p final. Earnings a share fell from 8.48p to 5.92p. Turnover rose from just under £29 million to £30.34 million.

Harrods delay

A High Court judge yesterday reserved judgment on a bid by the three Fayed brothers, owners of House of Fraser and Harrods, its flagship store, to block the latest legal action in the long-running campaign against them by Tiny Rowland's Lonrho.

Molins rises

Molins has raised its dividend for last year from 10.5p to 12p. Pre-tax profits increased 9 per cent to £15.2 million. Neil Clarke, the chairman, said Molins started 1991 with significantly improved orders.

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ANDY WATTS

No recovery in sight: Hepworth's Sinclair Thomson

Hepworth slides 12% despite Saunier gain

By MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

STRONG profits from Saunier Duval, the French gas boiler manufacturer acquired for £150 million last April, helped offset the effects of the recession on Hepworth, the building materials to domestic products group, last year.

Hepworth reports a 12 per cent fall in group pre-tax profits from £102 million to £90 million for 1990, with a £13.6 million contribution from Saunier. Earnings eased from 34.3p to 30.9p a share, but a 9.35p final dividend makes 14.85p, against 13.85p.

Sinclair Thomson, the chief executive, said the group achieved a 14.8 per cent return on sales. Despite a good start by Saunier to 1991 there was no sign of recovery elsewhere within the group, he said. Hepworth shares jumped 23p to 354p.

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Berkeley wants £44m for expansion

By MARTIN WALLER

BERKELEY Group, the housebuilder that is concentrated on the Southeast, is tapping the stock market for £44.2 million in a three for seven rights issue to fund an ambitious expansion programme.

The group has already committed £31 million this year to buy land sufficient for 450 homes at prices that it believes represent the bottom of the market and a "unique opportunity" to expand. It is paying £10.9 million for James Crosby, the residential housebuilder based in the Northwest.

Berkeley is also entering into a joint venture partnership with a long-term shareholder, Saad Investments Company, one of the biggest companies in Saudi Arabia, to buy a maximum of £100 million of commercial investment properties. Berkeley will put in up to £25 million but will be entitled to 40 per cent of profits.

The company has acceptances to its 100p cash offer for Crosby for shareholders speaking for 28 per cent of the equity, while buying in the market yesterday brought it an additional 23 per cent. Crosby came to the stock market in mid-1987 with a £9 million price tag.

Berkeley is forecasting it will approximately break even in the year to end-April. Borrowings at the end of last month were £3.5 million, despite more than £50 million spent on land last year. It is forecasting a 3p final dividend, making a total unchanged at 4.5p.

Nestlé slips 5.8% to £856m

By GEORGE SIVELL

NESTLÉ, the Swiss food group that owns Rowntree, the York confectioner, reported a fall in net profits of 5.8 per cent to SFr2.27 billion (£856 million) in 1990.

Separate figures for Rowntree were not provided. Nestlé sells 98 per cent of its products outside Switzerland and suffered from the strength of the Swiss franc which reduced the value of sales by 3.5 per cent.

The results were in line with forecasts and Nestlé's bearer shares traded at SFr8,240 after the profit announcement, unchanged from overnight. The registered shares were at SFr8,080 francs, up 70 from overnight.

Nestlé said the margin on sales stayed virtually unchanged last year at 4.9 per cent, compared with 5 per cent in 1989.

Profit per share was 5.9 per cent lower at SFr617. The fall was almost parallel to that of net profit, since the number of Nestlé shares had hardly varied.

For the current year, analysts expect consolidated net profits of about the SFr 2.5 billion.

Nestlé also tackled its rebel shareholders yesterday with a declaration that it had placed new shares on the stock market, openly rejecting claims by dissenting shareholders that the underlying capital increase was illegal.

Nestlé created 175,000 new shares early this year to be held in reserve for issue when the board saw fit. The move came after the lapsing of a court injunction obtained by a dissident shareholders group, to block the issue.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Next's shareholders choose Otto-Versand

NEXT'S shareholders have overwhelmingly approved the sale of the Grattan mail order business to Otto-Versand of Germany for £165 million, effectively rejecting a rival offer from Sears for a similar value. The deal, which was recommended by the board of Next, was also cleared by the European Commission, and will proceed.

Sears twice raised its bid and had said on Monday it was not prepared to go any higher. The company failed to obtain the support of Sir David Wolfson, the chairman, and David Jones, chief executive. The deal with Otto-Versand, owner of a 9.9 per cent stake in Next, includes a four-year distribution contract with Next Directory, which is not part of the Grattan sale. Next estimates the contract is worth £50 million to Grattan. In its argument against Sears, which offered a similar distribution agreement, Next's board said it was concerned about the quality and security of the service that would be provided.

De Morgan seeks £1.2m

DE MORGAN Group, the consultant surveyor, unveiled a £1.2 million, five-for-three rescue rights issue at 5p after pressure from its banks. The shares collapsed 10p to 20p on the news.The issue is 75.7 per cent underwritten by Caledonia Investments and Charterhouse Bank and has shareholder support. De Morgan's banks have made a new £500,000 loan conditional on receipt of the rights proceeds.

Spear edges up to £1.4m

JW SPEAR & Sons, the games and toys manufacturer, made pre-tax profits of £1.4 million last year against £1.3 million. Earnings a share were 17.9p (16.54p). The single dividend is increased from 7.5p to 8p a share. Turnover rose from £19.68 million to £22.81 million. The company made net stock provisions of £133,000 at the interim stage for slow-moving merchandise.

Wolstenholme falls

WOLSTENHOLME Rink is maintaining the total dividend at 16.3p a share, with a 10p final, despite suffering a fall in profits from £3.43 million before tax to £2.81 million last year. Earnings fell from 36.8p a share to 30.4p. Turnover was unchanged at £42.47 million, but operating profits fell from £4.22 million to £3.49 million.

The company, which supplies products for the printing industry and metal powders used primarily to reinforce concrete blocks, also gave a warning that the short-term outlook for the printing and building sectors remains bleak. Wolstenholme attributed the decline to the strength of sterling and to depressed demand for aluminium powders.

FI receives approaches

FOOD Industries, the Irish group 67 per cent owned by Goodman International, has received a number of approaches, though none has yet resulted in formal offers. FI was effectively put up for sale when Goodman was forced to seek protection from its creditors last August. Pre-tax profits fell 8 per cent to Ir£7.4 million (£6.73 million) last year. A final dividend of 3.5p makes 5.1p, an increase of 4 per cent.

Profits dive at Ayrshire

AYRSHIRE Metal Products saw its pre-tax profits slump from £3.51 million to £1.21 million last year despite ASK McGowan's maiden contribution of £578,000. A final dividend of 1p cuts the total from 7.5p to 2.75p. Earnings per share fell from 25.5p to 8.5p. Turnover was maintained at £36.8 million but trading profits fell from £3.23 million to £1.3 million, affected by weak demand.

Kynoch sales at £3.9m

G&G Kynoch, the former textiles company that has refocused on medical equipment, reported profits of £148,000 before tax for the final quarter of last year, on turnover of £3.93 million.

These results include first contributions from MDH and Cape Environmental, which were acquired late last year. Comparative figures for 1989 were losses of £345,000 on sales of £1.05 million, which related exclusively to textiles. The company has changed its year-end to December 31 and will publish a second interim statement for the six months to the end-June, including contributions from British Sterilizer, acquired in January, and Cambridge Isolation Technology, in which Kynoch acquired a 49 per cent stake last month.

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Guinness 'genius' looks life squarely in the eye

BUSINESS PROFILE

BY CAROL LEONARD

Anthony Tennant

Anthony Tennant, the chairman and chief executive of Guinness, removes his thick, black-rimmed spectacles. His face is exposed. He smiles, nervously.

Without any adornment he looks entirely different. He has large, heavy features, his eyes are wide apart, overshadowed by bushy, grey eyebrows and a thick head of grey hair. A curious and unusual face, it would be a sculptor's dream.

As he replaces the spectacles he reverts to type: a dry, logical and decisive businessman. He will talk at any length about business, always relaxed yet in control. About general issues: the need to boost the morale of the British businessman, the government's treatment of the drinks industry. Or more specific concerns relating to Guinness, which has seen its capitalisation more than double to £8 billion since Tennant, paid £400,000 a year, took the helm in March 1987. Guinness is the ninth largest firm in Britain and the most profitable spirits company in the world.

Talk to Tennant, aged 60, about his childhood and his family, and his demeanour is transformed. The spectacles come off, he twitches, laughs uncomfortably and mutters something along the lines of "Ooh, goodness..." Persist and Tennant will dutifully answer each question, directly and honestly, looking you squarely in the eye.

If he hides at all, it is behind a fake vagueness that has the useful side effect of encouraging people to underestimate him. As he speaks, it quickly becomes apparent that one facial feature is far more prominent than any of those obvious initially. It is his stiff upper lip.

Asked if he has ever been unhappy, he said: "Oh no, I've never really been through a period of my life when I was miserable. You've got to try to make the best of things. I have always enjoyed myself."

Question him about his success and he will attempt to attribute it entirely to luck. "I'm a great believer in luck. People always say that you make your own luck but I don't believe that. You can help it along a bit but, take this last position I'm in: I was looking around from within Grand Met when this opportunity coincided. I had gone to see the head hunter about something else entirely. We fixed it all up within 24 hours."

Talk to him next about his days, before Guinness, as deputy chief executive of Grand Met, and of how he felt when Sir Stanley Grinstead, its retiring chairman, promoted Sir Allen Sheppard into the top job, instead of Tennant and he again displays British reserve. Surely he *must* have been upset? He said: "I don't think I've ever had my nose put out of joint by anything. I like Allen, I'd always enjoyed working with him. He wanted me to stay on and I said perhaps I will, but I will look around for a bit. It was all perfectly civilised."

Sheppard, who worked with Tennant for 12 years, said: "He is a nice guy. He will always tell you if he does not like something, he will not tolerate fools and he is shrewd. I have been in negotiations with him, on the same side, and he can be very deceptive. People do underestimate him.

> *'I was looking around from within GrandMet when this opportunity coincided. I had gone to see the head hunter about something else. We fixed it all up in 24 hours'*

"There will be a lot more silences in a conversation with Anthony than with someone like me. You can see him thinking. I might say 5,000 words, he will say just ten, but if you analyse the content, there won't be much of a difference."

Sheppard said: "We rate him highly as a competitor. He is the sort of man who will always fight you on the sunlit slopes in terms of brand marketing rather than down in the shadows, cutting prices."

In Tennant's earlier life as a director, aged 29, of Ogilvy & Crowther, the advertising agency and forerunner to Ogilvy & Mather, it was he who sold the lines "Good Food Costs Less at Sainsbury's" to J Sainsbury and "The secret of Schhh..." to Schweppes.

That Tennant went to Eton and then to Cambridge has been well documented. Also that his wife Rosemary is a member of the Henderson family, long influential in the Square Mile. And that he is part of the wealthy Tennant clan, originally Ayrshire farmers who made a fortune when the first Lord Glenconner invented bleaching powder. The Tennants were prolific breeders. "There are good Tennants and bad Tennants and Anthony is very definitely one of the good ones," Sir Norman Macfarlane, a fellow Scot, now deputy chairman of Guinness and the man who picked Tennant for the Guinness job, said.

Tennant would not disagree. "My great grandfather financed railways in South America, he was an MP and had 16 children, three of them after the age of 79," he said. "My grandfather was the fifth or sixth child and was really a country gent. He was also an MP and Secretary of State for Scotland for a while, but I don't think it occupied a great deal of his attention. He was rich, rich enough to do nothing, and he spent it all, or pretty well most of it."

Tennant's own father inherited some money "but nothing really massive" and started his own stockbroking business, Chase Henderson & Tennant, which eventually became Sheppards & Chase.

If industriousness is what it takes to be a "good" Tennant, then Anthony is certainly that. Guinness has an impressive array of non-executive directors, all self-made men, and although Tennant comes from a monied background, he probably feels more akin to them than some members of his own family.

"When I left Cambridge there were a number of family businesses into which I could have gone but I preferred to strike out on my own," he said. "My father wanted me to be a stockbroker but I thought that would be boring."

He would not, he says, have been happy as an idle playboy, even if he had had the opportunity. "It wasn't a choice. It would not have been possible financially. I always had to earn my living, but I wanted to anyway."

He is always in the office by 8.15am, seldom leaves before 7pm and always takes work home with him. "I work at weekends because there are always things to read. If you skip the reading you cannot really perform to the maximum of your ability."

Although Tennant appears relaxed, he is always fully briefed. "I'm very much a believer in being well informed," he said. "I think one does have to get very deeply involved in whatever one is doing, in order to be of any value. That means a thorough mastery of the subject in hand. There are no short cuts."

Yet, for a man who still regards work as a financial necessity, Tennant enjoys a comfortable lifestyle. Home, midweek, is in London's Vicarage Gate, and, at weekends, a manor house with herringbone brickwork, built in 1480 and transported from Oxfordshire to Hampshire in 1927. There are "a couple of paddocks" and horses in training in Marlborough.

Self-made man or not, Tennant has the relaxed assurance of his class. He believes firmly that actions speak louder than words and everything about him is understated, almost to the point of self-deprecation. "I've never been terribly good at talking about myself. I can never think of anything terribly interesting to say."

Tennant dislikes large social gatherings. "I'm never very good at pushing myself forward, I hate being put on a pedestal." If a stranger at such a function were to ask him what he did for a living, he would reply, "Something in the drinks industry." His wife added: "He might say that he worked for Guinness." Would he say that he was chairman? "Oh no, never."

He is, on all fronts, the complete antithesis of Ernest Saunders, his predecessor. The office he inherited from Saunders, devoid of paper, has been halved in size. "I cut it down the middle and gave half to the finance director. It was so big, you could have played all kinds of funny games in there." When I muttered that they obviously had, Tennant laughed heartily. "I don't think those kind of funny games needed all that much room," he replied.

He has a sporting sense of fun. He was often in trouble at his prep school. "I was certainly caned more than anybody else there, by an extremely athletic headmaster," Tennant recalled. "For all kinds of pranks. I discovered, quite early on, that when we had meatballs, the high table had meatballs with eggs in the middle. In the middle of the night I raided the larder and took meatballs with eggs in them up to the dormitory."

Sir David Plastow, chairman and chief executive of Vickers and, with Macfarlane, deputy chairman of Guinness, agrees that Tennant has a good sense of humour.

"But," he said, "if someone cracks a joke in a board meeting, he will laugh but that laughter will stop short. He is a genius in his field but he is also very determined and as hard as nails. I have had moments when I have not agreed with him and it is hard work. He can be persuaded to turn, but only if he respects the logic."

ADRIAN BROOKS

Anthony Tennant and his wife Rosemary enjoying the air in their country garden

Plastow agreed that much as Tennant might try to play it down, his aristocratic air never leaves him. He said: "He is patrician in the best sense of the word. He is non-lavish to the point of near hairshirt, which is good for that type of company, with all that glamour." Ask Tennant which characteristics most annoy him in other people and he will reply, "Brashness, insensitivity and not listening."

That private life he is so reluctant to discuss includes a broken home — his parents divorced when he was aged eight and his younger brother, Mark, now a High Court Judge, was aged six. The boys were brought up by their mother, "a very individual, spirited sort of person", and stepfather, Lord Radcliffe, head of the information ministry during the war.

Although they remained on friendly terms with their father, who, in later life, also remarried and fathered two more children, their stepfather was the greatest influence in their formative years.

Tennant said: "He was far more than a stepfather, he influenced me a lot. He was a very stimulating man. Every holiday we would read a different Dickens novel."

Tennant's own marriage has been successful. They married when he was aged 23 and she 19. "We still are very much in love with one another."

They have two sons, Christopher, aged 35, a music agent, and Patrick, aged 33, a director of the European hotels division of Trusthouse Forte. Suddenly, the upper lip softens. "I would be moved to tears if something went wrong with people I love. I'm quite good at crying."

He loves his country too: "I am quite patriotic, in an emotional way," Tennant said.

"I was in the US the other day watching CNN, and 'Stormin Norman' came on and said how well the Brits had done. I felt quite emotional then."

Godfrey Davis advances to £22m

By NEIL BENNETT

GODFREY Davis, the textile, car dealership and construction services group, increased pre-tax profits by 4 per cent to £22.3 million last year but has given warning that profits will fall this year due to the slump in the hotel industry.

John Ivey, the chief executive, said the fall in hotel occupancy caused by the Gulf war had slashed demand in the group's laundry business. "I can't conjure up customers," he said. "Things look difficult this year, but we did not do so badly last year. We will cope with it and come out just as strong."

Davis is paying a final dividend of 5.25p, to make 7.98p for the year, a 2 per cent rise.

Davis's most profitable division in the year was textile maintenance, which increased operating profits by 27 per cent to £14.1 million. This included full year contributions from the Practical Uniform Company and the Cooperative Laundries Society, which Davis bought in 1989.

Mr Ivey said that some of the fall in demand from hotels had been compensated by new business from hospitals, but not enough to prevent a profit fall since the start of the year.

Profits after interest costs fell in the contract hire and Ford dealership chain due to reduced sales and residual values. Davis's fleet grew by 20 per cent to 12,000. The company said that their customers were extending contracts rather than taking on new cars.

The portable building supplier suffered from reduced orders due to the recession in the construction industry and cash constraints on local education authorities, the division's main customers. The support services division, which includes contract cleaning and catering, was the least affected by the recession.

Davis suffered costs of £1 million from its abortive bid for Sketchley at the start of the year, but this was offset by a £300,000 extraordinary profit on a property disposal.

Profits at Peek decline to £9.7m

By JONATHAN PRYNN

PEEK, the traffic and data systems group, said pre-tax profits for the year fell from £11.4 million to £9.7 million.

Viscount Slim, the chairman, said the 15 per cent decline reflected slower than expected sales growth in navigation and continuing difficult market conditions in connectors. Ken Maud, the chief executive, added that costs had been reduced and management strengthened at the connector companies and that they "should make an acceptable return" in 1991.

Group turnover was up 5 per cent to £70.7 million, though earnings per share fell from 7.9p to 6.4p. The company ended the year with an ungeared balance sheet and £5 million cash in the bank. The final dividend is 2.35p, making 3.4p for the year, a 3 per cent increase on 1989.

The company also announced boardroom changes, with Viscount Slim stepping down as chairman after the annual meeting in April. He will remain as a non-executive director. He will be replaced by Mr Maud, who will become executive chairman. Allen Standley has been appointed managing director.

Viscount Slim said Peek would continue to concentrate on its core markets in traffic and data systems. "These two markets give us ample international scope for growth in sales, profits and cash generation and are of a size where we can gain a significant market share," he said.

Tate 'will not raise bid'

Sydney

TATE & Lyle has no plans to lift its Aus$3.70 (£1.59) a share offer price for Bundaberg Sugar, the Australian sugar producer, despite the shares trading above the price.

"Our decision is at Aus$3.70 it's the right price and . . . if there's any change to that decision we will make it, but I can tell you right now we're a long way from making a decision of that kind," said Neil Shaw, the chairman.

He said Tate considered the offer, valuing Bundaberg at Aus$290 million, to be more than fair under any of the general valuation parameters.

Bundaberg shares closed steady at Aus$3.82 yesterday, Aus$1.00 above their level before the bid was announced on Tuesday.

Mr Shaw said Aus$3.70 represented a generous multiple of 13 times estimated earnings for 1991. Bundaberg reported a net profit of Aus$28.31 million in the year to April 30, 1990. Last month, the company said operating profit in the 1990-1 fiscal year would be down significantly because of lower sugar prices. *(Reuter)*

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Euro Inc	74.64	78.74●	−0.57	1.58
Exmpt	748.4	778.3	−11.6	3.00
Extra Inc	40.04	43.28●	−0.81	5.78
F/E Emerg Ec	50.10	53.83	+1.34	1.19
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514614 Dealing0793 610366				
High Inc	356.8	379.9●	−10.7	5.10
Equity Inc	194.7	207.3	−4.8	5.34
High Yield	207.5	220.9	−4.5	5.14
Balanced	528.9	563.2	−7.2	3.44
Am Inc	31.49	33.53●	+0.49	4.18
World Ass Val	31.18	33.30	−0.20	1.51
Japan	133.8	141.6	..	0.01
Sec of Am	277.0	295.0	+4.9	0.28
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544				
Capit	89.94	95.67●	−1.78	3.78
Euro Gth Inc	90.23	96.25	−2.50	1.98
Extra Inc	100.2	107.2	−1.9	5.98
General	198.3	212.1●	−6.7	3.89

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M22AF Tel: Enquiries: 061-236 5685 Dealing: 061-236 5362				
Capability Trust				
Am & Gen	81.46	86.68●+0.91		0.78
Do Acc	86.56	92.09●+0.95		0.78
European	56.62	60.14	−1.31	1.48
Do Acc	57.92	61.52	−1.34	1.48
F East/Gen	49.96	53.15	+0.25	0.00
Do Acc	49.96	53.15	+0.25	0.00
Giltedge	220.4	234.5●	+0.2	2.40
Do Acc	238.7	254.0●	+0.2	2.40
Growth	280.2	298.1●	−3.2	3.18
Do Acc	455.9	485.1●	−5.2	3.18
Inc &Gth Inc	324.4	345.2	−6.1	5.35
Do Acc	393.9	419.1	−11.0	5.35
Master Portfl	£80.60	84.85	−0.35	3.37
Do Acc	£88.45	93.11	−0.39	3.37
Spec Sits	61.61	65.78	−1.22	3.35
Do Acc	68.73	73.12	−1.36	3.35
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	£10.42	10.75	−0.17	5.75
Do Acc	£10.99	11.34	−0.18	5.75
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 552 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 071-626 0666 071-626 6363				
Amer Index	134.5	143.8●	+0.4	2.34
Capit	460.7	491.6	−14.7	4.04
Euro Index	106.7	113.8●	−1.8	2.19
Euro Growth	69.90	74.59	−0.75	2.55
Far East G S	65.28	69.68	+0.91	0.80
Gold Gen S S	56.03	59.79	−0.71	5.19
Income	445.9	476.8	−4.8	5.35
Intl Sp Sits	59.85	63.85	+0.50	1.67
Jap Index	84.51	88.84●	+0.84	0.18
N Amer	279.5	298.2c	+8.4	1.89
Tiger Index	85.65	91.30	+0.70	1.97
UK Index	104.9	111.9	−1.9	4.19
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 0708				
Amer Portf	53.82	57.35	+2.06	2.43
Euro Port	61.67	65.28c	−0.61	1.50
Jap Portf	44.16	46.98	+0.08	2.26
Pacific Portf	65.06	69.23	+1.38	2.50
Portf	58.11	62.16	+0.24	2.90
UK Inc/Gth	56.28	60.38a	−0.66	7.31

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	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Intl Inc	80.79	84.79●+0.54		6.47
Pacific	35.33	37.64	+0.91	0.40
Smlr Jap Cos	60.12	63.70	+0.77	0.00
Tokyo	177.6	187.6	+0.5	0.00
Ex Am 2	147.6	151.7c	+0.8	1.46
Ex Jap 3	116.7	122.0	+3.3	0.18
Ex Smlr Jap 4	513.5	527.6	+5.2	0.06
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577555				
Oriend Op Acc	58.06	61.77	+2.38	1.37
Japanese	53.84	57.28	+0.08	0.00
UK Balan Inc	93.94	99.94	−1.92	3.49
Do Acc	104.4	111.1	−1.8	3.49
UK Gth Accum	152.2	161.9	−1.2	2.21
UK Hi Inc	114.3	121.6	−1.8	5.72
UK Hi Inc Acc	118.3	125.8	−1.3	5.72
N Amer Acc	71.64	76.11	+1.25	1.20
Euro Acc	101.5	108.0	−2.8	0.26
UK Gilt/FI Inc	54.50	57.89	+0.49	8.23
Do Acc	75.62	80.23	+0.68	8.23
Intl Sp S Acc	39.12	41.62	+0.01	0.89
Brwond Opp	52.87	56.24	−0.08	1.43
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 41, Harrington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071-373 7261				
Endurance	139.9	148.8	+0.8	2.42
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Eqtble Pelican	105.7	112.3	−1.78	4.77
High Inc	110.0	115.8	−2.59	6.17
Gilt/Fxd Interest	48.64	51.20	+0.25	9.57
T Of Inv Ts	109.2	115.0●	−2.82	3.19
Spec Sits	98.09	103.2	−1.44	4.21
N Am	68.23	71.82	+0.04	1.30
Far East	170.2	179.2	+1.83	1.27
Intl Gth	73.96	77.84●	−0.34	2.79
Euro	55.20	58.11	−1.26	1.98
Smlr Cos	68.23	68.19	−0.22	3.09
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Accum	250.3	266.3	−6.3	3.66
Do Inc	191.1	203.4	−4.7	3.66
Higher Inc Acc	447.3	475.8	−11.8	5.31
Do Inc	302.8	322.2	−8.0	5.31
Gilt/Fxd Acc	132.9	139.9●	+1.0	9.23
Do Inc	78.55	83.72●	+0.61	9.23
N America	147.1	158.5	+3.2	0.00
Far East	218.9	232.9	+2.0	0.77
Europe	207.1	220.4●	−2.2	0.42
Genl	341.7	363.6●	−7.2	3.80
Genl Acc	353.7	376.3●	−7.4	3.80

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Do Acc	69.88	74.74●	−1.15	3.46
Capit Income	95.26	101.9	−1.16	3.06
Do Acc	141.9	151.8	−1.7	3.06
Euro Gth Inc	132.5	141.2	−3.1	1.16
Do Acc	164.2	175.0	−3.7	1.16
Extra High Inc	66.77	71.41	+0.47	7.38
Do Acc	100.6	107.6	+0.7	7.38
Gilt/Fxd Income	50.50	52.73●	+0.07	9.63
Do Acc	116.1	121.3●	+0.2	9.63
High Yield	204.8	218.6	−0.6	5.96
Do Acc	428.1	458.7	−1.2	5.96
Income	251.0	268.5	−4.4	4.76
Do Acc	481.9	515.4	−8.4	4.76
Intl High Bt Dis	59.68	63.72	−0.11	1.92
Do Acc	61.82	66.12	−0.12	1.92
Jap Growth	285.3	305.3●	+0.9	0.00
Do Acc	300.5	321.6●	+0.9	0.00

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Holb	22.57	24.13●	−0.08	1.77
Holb Cash Hvn	101.39		●+0.22	14.46
Holb Equity	566.0	605.4	−10.8	3.10
Holb Eqty Inc	68.24	72.98●	−0.69	5.02
Holb Euro	134.5	143.9	−2.16	1.59
Holb Global	61.79	66.08	−0.60	2.30
Holb High Inc	76.13	81.42●	−1.18	6.66
Holb Intl	118.0	126.2	−0.60	1.05
Holb Intl SC	49.33	52.75●	−0.20	0.82
Holb Japanese	147.5	157.7●	−0.57	0.00
Holb N Amer	85.24	91.16	−0.46	0.80
Holb Pac Mkt	45.81	48.99	+0.91	2.91
Holb Premier	42.58	45.15●	+0.25	7.90
Holb Smlr Cos	67.84	72.34	−0.27	2.85
Holb Spec Sits	81.83	87.51	−1.05	3.79
Holb UK Gth	91.85	98.22●	−2.77	3.46

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Pacific	155.3	165.3●	+4.9	2.21
Mngd Cash	97.52	102.8●	+0.14	13.09
Major Ster Inc	101.8	102.8●	+0.11	12.13
PEP	129.5	137.1●	+1.4	5.81
Saints PPP	276.7	291.3	+28.3	0.00
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex Tel: 0403 56293				
Equity Acc	597.3	635.6	−7.7	3.41
NAm Acc	71.82	76.61	+1.51	2.04
Far East Acc	89.88	95.39	+2.10	0.88
W'wide Bond	45.57	48.48●	+1.28	8.10
European	65.04	69.58	−0.78	1.76
Equity Inc	71.05	75.90	−1.39	5.19
W'wide Tech	41.06	43.91	−0.45	1.49
W'wide Fncl	34.64	37.05	−0.42	4.50

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
US Govt Bond	463.49	64.31	−0.22	0.00
Challenger	65.23	66.80	−0.20	0.00
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square Swanley BR8 7AG Tel: 0795 509945				
Stockmkt Fnd	49.99	53.18c	−0.80	4.00

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. e Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
96	27	Wessel	40	44	—	2.0	4.8	23.6
23	3	Westport	5	5½	—	0.8	15.2	3.6
125	33	West Scotfield	42	45	—	6.7	15.2	4.7
22	5	Wharfdale	5½	7	—	—	—	92.9
75	28	Whitney Mackay	28	33●	+1	1.3	4.2	11.2
21	9	Williams (Rex) Hldgs	—	—	—	—	—	—
85	46	Wood John D & Co	80	90●	—	2.9	3.4	24.1
65	15	Wld of Leather	28	33	—	—	—	—
187	121	Wyevale	183	190●	+2	4.5	2.4	21.7
90	54	Wyle	65	70●	—	5.0	7.4	7.4
12	5½	XCL Sunrise	5½	6	—	—	—	—
98	4	Xtra-vision	5	9	—	—	—	—
175	130	Young Group	127	132	—	8.9	6.3	12.7
18	2½	Zurich Group	3½	4½	—	—	—	—

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
13½	980	Alliance	12½	12¾	−¼	53.3	4.2	31.2
182	119	Amer Trust	166	170	−3	6.3	2.7	37.5
317½	207	Ang & O'seas	270	272●	−8	8.2	3.0	40.8
97	67	Anglo Scot Inv Tst	79	81	—	4.5	5.6	15.6
106	81	BCW Corr	101	103	—	8.0	7.8	22.8
104½	75	Baring	96	99	−2	3.7	3.8	30.5
176	105	Berry Starq	135	138	−3	—	—	62.5
69½	63½	Br Assets	61	62●	−2	5.2	8.4	24.3
58½	42½	Br Empire Sec	49	50	−1	1.0	2.0	63.5

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
115	93	Inv Cap	107	109	−1	6.7	6.2	21.8
102	78	Ivory Sime Opt Inc	91	94	+1½	8.1	8.8	28.5
142½	104	Ivory Sime UK Pf	140½	142½				
168	122	Kleinwort Charter	153	158●	−1	6.4	4.1	25.4
168½	124	Kleinwort O 'seas	155	158●	−3½	4.3	2.8	43.4
153	90	Kleinwort Smaller	120	123	—	6.1	5.0	22.8
415	318	Law Debenture	405	410	—	21.3	5.2	23.2
83	33	Leveraged Opp	57	62	—	—	—	14.2
301	233	Majedie	292	295	−1	11.3	3.8	31.4
215	155	Merchants	210	213	−1	12.0	5.7	20.8
13	8½	Merrill Lynch	10		+½			
380	288	Monks Inv Tst	344	347	−5	8.3	2.4	50.7

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 92.6 (day's range 92.4-92.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Mar 22	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7855-1.8030	1.7885-1.7900	0.94-0.92pr	2.51-2.49pr
Montrl	2.0667-2.0868	2.0702-2.0746	0.52-0.45pr	0.97-0.90pr
Amstrdm	3.3060-3.3193	3.3096-3.3142	1⅛-⅞pr	2¾-2⅝pr
Brussels	60.34-60.72	60.40-60.68	18-15pr	44-37pr
Copnhgn	11.2479-11.3021	11.2747-11.3021	3⅛-2⅞pr	6⅞-5⅞pr
Dublin	1.1000-1.1075	1.1050-1.1060	24-18pr	59-48pr
Frankft	2.9339-2.9463	2.9421-2.9463	1-⅞pr	2⅝-2pr
Lisbon	256.17-257.61	256.20-257.31	28-7pr	17-65ds
Madrid	181.71-183.12	182.43-183.12	17-24ds	55-67ds
Milan	2181.62-2195.44	2190.02-2195.44	2pr-par	3-1pr
Oslo	11.4339-11.4926	11.4589-11.4864	2⅛-1⅞pr	4½-4pr
Paris	9.9754-10.0258	10.0022-10.0240	2⅝-2⅜pr	6⅞-6⅛pr
Stckhlm	10.6917-10.7429	10.7131-10.7400	⅜-⅛pr	⅛-⅜ds
Tokyo	245.24-246.40	245.38-245.77	⅞-⅝pr	2⅝-2⅜pr
Vienna	20.6295-20.7207	20.6527-20.6679	6⅞-5⅞pr	15⅞-13⅞pr
Zurich	2.5193-2.5275	2.5227-2.5275	⅞-⅝pr	2⅜-2⅛pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17031.2-17076.8
Australia dollar	2.3144-2.3178
Bahrain dinar	n/a
Brazil cruzeiro *	417.194-418.502
Cyprus pound	0.815-0.825
Finland markka	6.9325-6.9925
Greece drachma	315.40-318.60
Hong Kong dollar	13.9190-13.9265
India rupee	34.54-34.94
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.9102-4.9148
Mexico peso	5350-5450
New Zealand dollar	3.0008-3.0078
Saudi Arabia riyal	n/a
Singapore dollar	3.1585-3.1601
S Africa rand (fin)	5.8068-6.0060
S Africa rand (com)	4.8074-4.8156
U A E dirham	n/a

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.6175-1.6190
Singapore	1.7649-1.7659
Malaysia	2.7439-2.7449
Australia	1.2933-1.2944
Canada	1.1576-1.1581
Sweden	5.9950-6.0000
Norway	6.4150-6.4200
Denmark	6.3150-6.3200
W Germany	1.6430-1.6440
Switzerland	1.4075-1.4085
Netherlands	1.8510-1.8520
France	5.5900-5.5950
Japan	136.90-137.00
Italy	1224.9-1225.9
Belgium (Com)	33.88-33.93
Hong Kong	7.7825-7.7835
Portugal	144.00-144.30
Spain	102.00-102.10
Austria	11.57-11.59

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 12½ Finance Hse 14
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 13½ Low 10 Week fixed: 12½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buying: 2 mth 11^{27}/$_{32}$; 3 mth 11^{19}/$_{32}$. Selling: 2 mth 11^{23}/$_{32}$; 3 mth: 11^{15}/$_{32}$.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	12⅛-12^{1}/$_{16}$	11^{29}/$_{32}$-^{27}/$_{32}$	11^{21}/$_{32}$-11⅝	10^{15}/$_{16}$-10⅞	
Trade Bills (Dis):	12⅜	12^{3}/$_{16}$	12^{3}/$_{32}$	11^{5}/$_{16}$	
Interbank:	12⅝-12⅜	12⅜-12⅛	12⅛-12⅜	11⅝-11⅜	11^{9}/$_{16}$-^{7}/$_{16}$
(Overnight: open 17, close 15.					
Local Authority Deps:	12⅜	n/a	12⅛	11⅜	11⅜
Sterling CDs:	12⅜-12^{5}/$_{16}$	12⅛-12⅛	12⅛-12⅛	11⅝-11⅜	11^{5}/$_{16}$-^{3}/$_{16}$
Dollar CDs:	6.40-6.35	6.40-6.35	6.38-6.33	6.50-6.45	6.95-6.90
Building Society CDs:	12^{11}/$_{16}$-12^{9}/$_{16}$	12⅜-12⅛	12^{5}/$_{16}$-^{3}/$_{16}$	11⅝-11⅜	11½-11⅜

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6⅛-6⅜	6⅛-6^{7}/$_{16}$	6^{7}/$_{16}$-6⅜	6⅝-6^{7}/$_{16}$	6⅛-5⅞
Deutschemark:	8⅞-8⅝	8⅞-8⅝	9^{1}/$_{16}$-8^{15}/$_{16}$	9⅛-9	8⅞-7⅞
French Franc:	9⅜-9⅛	9⅜-9⅛	9^{7}/$_{16}$-9^{5}/$_{16}$	9⅝-9⅜	9⅛-8⅝
Swiss Franc:	8½-8⅜	8^{9}/$_{16}$-8^{7}/$_{16}$	8⅝-8⅜	8⅛-8	8-7
Yen:	10-9⅝	8⅝-8⅜	8⅛-8⅜	7⅞-7⅝	7⅛-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $363.20-363.70 Close: $362.50-363.00 High: $363.25-363.75
Low: $362.50-363.00 Krugerrand: $362.75-363.75 (£202.00-203.00)
Sovereigns: Old $87.50-88.50 (£48.50-49.50) New $86.00-87.00 (£47.50-48.50)
Platinum: $397.60 (£222.60) Silver: $3.99 (£2.225) Palladium: $87.60 (£49.05)

TREASURY BILLS: Applcts: £1,150m allotted: £350m; Bids: £97.115% received: 15%; Last week: £97.130% received: 38%; Avge rate: £11.5261% last wk £11.4857%; Next week: £350m.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 31066	Mar 91	2469.0	2482.0	2438.0	2441.0	5979
	Jun 91	2506.0	2517.0	2478.0	2480.0	1540
	Sep 91				2518.0	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 122529	Jun 91	89.05	89.08	88.93	88.94	50764
	Sep 91	88.68	88.69	88.52	88.54	9482
	Dec 91	88.78	88.80	88.70	88.72	3245
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 31539	Jun 91	93.37	93.37	93.34	93.36	2402
	Sep 91	93.04	93.05	93.03	93.04	205
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 78235	Jun 91	90.86	90.88	90.82	90.85	6347
	Sep 91	91.11	91.12	91.07	91.07	2132
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 6096	Jun 91	94-10	94-13	94-03	94-07	1321
	Sep 91				93-28	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 28535	Mar 91	91-22	91-22	91-22	91-08	31
	Jun 91	92-02	92-12	91-15	91-17	22802
Japanese Govt Bond Previous open interest: 435	Jun 91	96.45	96.58	96.40	96.40	52
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 71453	Jun 91	84.83	84.99	84.75	84.84	24040
	Sep 91	85.23	85.26	85.07	85.15	719
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 2060	Jun 91	90.82	90.83	90.77	90.79	313
	Sep 91	91.01	91.05	91.01	91.05	70

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Mar	651-640	Mar	572-583	May	201.0-00.0
May	671-670	May	594-593	Aug	202.6-00.4
Jul	699-697	Jul	604-603	Oct	198.0-95.0
Sep	719-718	Sep	617-614	Dec	193.0-88.0
Dec	742-741	Nov	635-631	Mar	190.6-88.4
Mar	766-765	Jan	651-645	May	192.5-88.4
May	785-784	Mar	667-660		
Vol: 2955		Vol: 16923		Vol: 959	

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
May	132.00	May	117.50	Apr	116.5-15.0
Jun	134.15	Sep	107.60	Jun	116.0-15.0
Sep	110.25	Nov	111.35	Aug	118.5-17.5
Nov	113.60	Jan	114.80	Oct	123.0-21.0
Jan	117.00	Mar	117.80	Dec	127.5-25.5
Vol:	211	Vol:	60	Vol:	65

LONDON POTATO FUTURES Volume: 187

	Open	Close
Apr (£/tonne)	118.8	117.5
May	144.0	145.0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 22

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	88.85	187.28	108.01
(+/−)	+1.93	*+0.94	−0.32
Eng/Wales:	88.85	195.89	107.89
(+/−)	+1.93	+8.18	+0.70
(%)	−1.3	−13.7	−11.7
Scotland:	n/a	188.15	109.38
(+/−)	n/a	−25.15	−3.83
(%)	n/a	−43.4	−68.5

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open:	Close:
Mar	unq	113.4
Apr	unq	112.8
May	unq	112.8

Volume: 84

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm: Oil prices managed to retain most of Thursday's late gains, but the week ended on a flat note.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.00	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Apr)	19.20	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (May)	18.70	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	20.25	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (May)	19.80	+0.20

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas 1.5	245 (+3)	250 (+3)
Gasoil EEC	171 (−1)	173 (−1)
Non EEC 1H Apr	173 (n/c)	174 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H May	unq	—
3.5 Fuel Oil	68 (+1)	69 (+1)
Naphtha	222 (+2)	225 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GAS OIL

Apr	169.50-69.25	Aug	165.00-64.00
May	165.50-65.00	Sep	166.75-65.50
Jun	163.00-62.50	Oct	168.50-67.50
Jul	163.00-62.00		Vol: 3184

BRENT

Apr	19.25-19.35	Jun	18.05-18.15
May	18.70-18.80		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Mar 91	1680	1678	1680
Apr 91	1445	1428	1438
Jul 91	1100	1095	1095
Oct 91	unq	unq	1220

Vol: 133 lots Open Interest: 3857
Dry cargo Index: 1711 −7

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1357.0-1358.0	1347.0-1348.0	Vol:436075
Lead (£/tonne)	337.00-338.00	350.50-351.00	63950
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1190.5-1191.0	1188.0-1189.0	118100
Tin ($/tonne)	5475.0-5480.0	5575.0-5580.0	3675
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1478.0-1479.0	1511.0-1512.0	201475
Nickel ($/tonne):	9130.0-9150.0	9125.0-9150.0	16434

FOX MEAT INDEX
(6pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Apr	155.50	156.00
May	155.20	156.00
Jun	155.30	155.90

Vol: 470

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TEMPUS

Cash call at Redland on a solid foundation

REDLAND has gone fishing. More specifically, the building materials group is going bottom-fishing, trawling for those unfortunate smaller rivals that have all but expired in the building recession and are now waiting for the end.

But the group's £280 million, one-for-five rights issue should not occasion too great an outbreak of panic among quoted building materials groups. Redland, led by Robert Napier, has made 30 acquisitions over the past three years but at an average price of £11 million or £12 million, preferring to pick up small private groups or deal with distressed sellers.

With Redland shares selling on a price-earnings multiple for 1991 of more than 14, one can hardly blame the group for following others down the underwritten rights issue route, even though there is no pressing need for one on the balance sheet.

The issue should have no difficulty getting away; the shares eased back just 16p to 617p yesterday, against an issue price more than £1 lower at 510p.

Year-end borrowings for 1990 were £345 million, leaving gearing at 34 per cent. The interest charge was just £12 million, much of it overseas, and therefore covered a conservative 12 times, even after taking account of the American preference stock. This is not a company desperate for fresh funds.

The sector is on high ratings because the market is looking ahead to the upturn and keen to invest in those stocks that will still be around to see it. The advantages of Redland's policy of geographical asset diversification, although it will not therefore benefit as much as some from an upturn in Britain, were on display with the 1990 figures.

Pre-tax profits fell by just *£5.2 million to £245 million*. At the operating level, while the United Kingdom businesses dropped by 33 per cent to £72.8 million, continental Europe rose 47 per cent to £119.1 million, powered by the West German economy. Redland has three plants in Hungary, two in Yugoslavia and four in eastern Germany with a fifth under evaluation. Further expansion there is a factor behind the rights, even though capital spending actually dropped by £34 million to £168 million last year.

Redland shares remain a solid defensive hold and shareholders should take up their rights. But at present levels, and with this amount of fresh equity hitting the market, they are unlikely to outperform in the short term.

Going fishing with a rights issue: Robert Napier

Molins

MOLINS is barely a *quoted* stock, since Leucadia the American group sits on 46 per cent from its failed bid and 22 firm institutional holders control over 50 per cent. Even the results did not spark share activity, so Leucadia may find it hard to buy the extra 2 per cent allowed later this year.

Meanwhile, the cigarette and packaging machinery business is steadily improving. Pre-tax profits rose 9 per cent to £15.2 million in 1990 in spite of the weaker dollar's impact on the American packaging machinery end, which led to a 7 per cent fall in sales to £137 million.

Earnings rose 13 per cent to 36.9p per share and dividends by 14 per cent to 12p.

The main profit impetus came from the export-led tobacco side, up 30 per cent to £12.4 million. The packaging side was down £800,000 to £3.5 million, though flat in dollar terms. Pension credits under accounting rules edged up from *£3 million* to *£3.2* million. These seem permanent since there is an accumulated surplus of £60 million, and could even grow.

Thanks to its international spread, new products and niche markets, Molins is bucking the trend with higher order books than a year ago, pointing to a further rise in profits in 1991.

The shares at 288p are plainly undervalued on normal tests, selling at 7.8 times 1990 earnings with a 5.6 per cent dividend yield. That reflects the narrow market and the battles that may have to be rejoined by the successor, soon to be announced, to Neil Clarke, the chairman, who is leaving on his appointment to head British Coal.

Hepworth

IF A building materials group can add 7 per cent to its share price on the day it publishes 1990 results, can the end of the recession really be that far off?

Hepworth shares surged from 331p to 354p in the face of a 12 per cent downturn to £90.1 million at the pre-tax level that included a maiden, eight-month contribution of £13.6 million from the Saunier Duval acquisition.

They had the spur of a 7.2 per cent dividend increase, but Hepworth remains a special case. Carrying on average only one month's stocks, and with most products capable of making well over 50 per cent on the margin (of each £1 million of new clay pipe turnover, £900,000 goes straight to the bottom line), the merest sniff of recovery *ought to send profits soaring*.

It won't happen this year, despite a sparkling start at Saunier, where the Spanish housebuilding boom and an Italian home improvement drive are producing results far beyond Hepworth's early hopes.

In Britain, where the group still earns 45 per cent of its profits, the commercial and industrial side is likely to show signs of recovery in 1991, while the domestic operations can only look for marginal help from a falling interest rate in the second half.

If there is a concern, it is over the group's insistence on treating the £99.9 million of capital bonds used to pay for *Saunier as equity, enabling the* group to show gearing down from 67 to 41 per cent. More cautious accounting would have indicated 100 per cent.

But Hepworth is cash generative, tightly managed, and raising market share despite a refusal to cut prices. However, it would be foolish to look for more than £80 million this year, but economic recovery could drive profits back to £110 million in 1992, boosting earnings to about 36p, or a tenth of the current share price. The shares merit their popularity.

STOCK MARKET

Cool response to lower inflation and cut in rates

THE stock market gave a cool reception to the long awaited news that the Bank of England has trimmed interest rates by a further 0.5 of a percentage point to 12.5 per cent, and to the modest fall in February's inflation rate to 8.9 per cent.

An overnight fall on Wall Street did not help early sentiment and a negative opening in New York pushed shares even lower, with widespread selling as a note of caution crept in. Arbitrage selling saw the FT-SE pushed even lower ahead of the March futures contract expiry next week.

The FT-SE 100 index closed a fraction above its worst for the day, plunging 34.3 to 2,440.5, having been 34.7 down at one stage. The FT index of 30 shares fell 26.1 to 1,944.0. Volume reached a respectable 523.3 million shares.

Gilts were rattled by the worse than expected inflation figure and by a £500 million new issue programme to close *£½ lower* on the day.

The City had been hoping that the rate cut, the third in lending rates since mid February, would be a full point, which has already largely been discounted. The inflation figure was perceived to be disappointing, compared with City forecasts of about 8.7 per cent.

The recent spate of rights issues continued, and it is thought there are many more in the pipeline. BZW expects £8 billion of rights issue this year, and others estimate nearer the £6 billion mark.

Redland unveiled plans for a deeply-discounted £280 million one for five rights issue priced at 510p per share. The shares lost 16p to 617p, having recovered from 597p. The news accompanied a slight drop in full-year profits to £245 million (£250 million).

Berkeley Group, the property developer, gained 12p to 327p, after it unveiled plans of a rights issue to raise £44.2 million, along with a £10.9 million agreed bid for James Crosby, the housebuilder. The company said the proceeds would be used to snap up development land, where it says prices have fallen by 50 per cent.

De Morgan plunged 10p to 20p, after it unveiled a rights issue to raise £1.2 million, along with news that it does not expect to pay a dividend this year or next.

Trusthouse Forte lost 12p to 272p, after a downgrading from BZW, who has trimmed next year's profit forecast from £227 million to £212 million after re-assessing the impact of the Gulf war. This year's forecast remains at £213 million. **Ladbroke** lost 7p to 287p in sympathy.

Reuters lost 24p to 859p, after a downgrading from Flemings.

The electricity generators slipped back further, with **PowerGen** 4½p easier at 130½p and **National Power** 4p lower at 131½p.

In spite of a denial of reported brewery merger talks with Allied-Lyons, **Whitbread** A firmed 7p to 474p. **Allied** lost 8p to 519p. Elswhere in the sector, **Bass** lost 21p to 999p and **Grand Metropolitan** 9p to 772p, although **HP Bulmer** gained 9p to 243p. **Guinness** lost 5p to 876p, after reports that the Vuitton family had sold a 3 per cent stake in LVMH in Paris.

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A 13.8 per cent stake in Hadleigh Industries, the USM industrial, automotive and engineering group, which had been held by Tournesol, has been placed by County NatWest WoodMac with several institutions during the past two days. The shares firmed *1p to 187p*.

***Airtours, the tour operator,* surged 52p to 328p — making a 159p rise this month. Airtours has attracted good demand in a fairly thin market since the end of the Gulf war and the demise of ILG. Analysts have upgraded current-year profit forecasts from £8.5 million to about £12.5 million.**

WALL STREET

Investors stay sidelined

New York

SHARES edged marginally lower in early trading, extending Thursday's decline. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 5 points to 2,850.45.

Investors remained wary of fresh corporate earnings disappointments.

● Tokyo — Prices closed higher in limp dealings. The market lost steam after an initial burst of buying as many brokers and investors, back after Thursday's national holiday and looking forward to the weekend, decided to sit it out. The Nikkei index closed up 163.84 points at 26,6613.19.

(Reuter)

	Mar 22 midday	Mar 21 close		Mar 22 midday	Mar 21 close		Mar 22 midday	Mar 21 close
Abbott Lab	47½	46½	Enron	56½	55½	Oryx Enrgy	36½	36½
Aetna Life	44	43½	Entergy	23½	23½	Pac Ent	36½	36½
Ahmanson	16½	17	Ethyl	29½	29½	Pac Gas Elec	25½	25½
Air Prods	81½	81½	Exxon	57½	57½	Pac Telesis	42½	42½
Albertsons	42	41½	Fed NMA	42½	43	Paccar	40½	40½
Alcan Al	22	22½	Fedrl Expre	35½	35½	Pacificorp	21½	21½
Alco Stand	32	31	Fst Norstar	15½	15½	Pall	32½	32½
Allied Signal	28½	29	Fluor	46½	46½	Paramount	38½	38½
Alumin CA	64½	65½	FMC	36	36	Parker-Hanfn	24½	24½
Am Brands	46½	46½	Ford Motor	32½	32½	Penney	51½	51½
Am Cyanmd	53½	53½	FPL	29½	29½	Pennzoil	72½	72½
Am EPC	28	27½	Fst Chicago	20½	20½	Pepsico	32½	33½
Am General	36½	36½	Fst Intrste	28½	28½	Pfizer	104½	104½
Am Home	56	55½	Fst Union	20½	20½	Phlips Pet	28½	28½
Am Intl	89½	90	Gannett	40½	40½	Phlips Elec	19½	19½
Am Medical	5½	5½	Gen Cinema	22½	22½	Phlp Morris	68½	68½
Am Stores	85	86½	Gen Elec	66½	66½	Phlps Dodge	65½	66½
Amax	25½	25	Gen Mills	57	57	Pitney Bow	48½	49½
Amer Hess	47½	48½	Gen Motors	37½	37½	Pier Dome	14	14½
Amertech	67½	68½	Gen RE	92	92½	PNC Fncl	29	28½
Amex	27½	27½	Gen Signal	40	40	Pnhdle Estn	14½	14½
Amoco	53½	53½	Genentech	24½	24½	Polaroid	24½	25½
AMP	51½	51½	Genuine Pts	40	39½	PPG Inds	47½	47
AMR	56½	58½	Georgia-Pac	43½	43½	Prctr Gmble	82½	83½
Anheuser-B	51½	51½	Gillette	73½	74½	Price	44½	44½
Apple Comp	64½	64½	Goodrich	38	38½	Primerica	29½	29½
Archer-Dan	21½	21½	Goodyear	22	21½	Pub Service	26½	26½
Arkla	18½	18½	Grace	28½	30	Quaker Oats	57½	57½
Armstrong	26½	25½	Greyhound	31	30½	Ralston Pur	88	88½
Asarco	28½	28½	Gt Atlantic	53½	53½	Raychem	27½	27
Ashland Oil	31½	31½	Gt Western	17	16½	Raytheon	81½	80½
AT&T	33½	33½	GTE	31½	31½	Reebok	22½	22½
Atlan Richfld	130	131½	Hallibrtn	48½	47½	Roadway	47½	47½
Auto DP	57	50½	Heinz	36½	36½	Rockwell	27½	28½
Avery Intl	23½	23½	Hercules	40½	41½	Rohm Haas	46½	45½
Avon Prod	41½	41½	Hershey Fd	40½	40½	Royal Dutch	78½	79½
Baltimore	28½	28½	Hewlett Pkd	45½	45½	Rubbermaid	50	49
Banc One	33½	33½	Hilton Htl	40	40½	Ryndls Mtl	57½	57½
Bankamerica	33½	34½	Home Depot	50½	49½	Safeco	37½	37½
Bard	23½	22½	Homestake	16½	16½	Salomon	27½	28½
Barnett Bt	21½	21½	Honeywell	58½	59½	Sant Fe Pac	7½	7½
Bausch Lmb	79½	79½	Houston Ind	35½	36½	Sara Lee	39½	39½
Baxter Intl	32½	32½	Hshld Intl	43½	44½	Schecorp	39	38½
Bec Dickn	73½	73½	Humana	49½	49	Schlumbgr	58½	57½
Bell Atlan	49½	50	IBM	112½	111½	Schrg-Plgh	48½	48½
Bellsouth	52½	53	IF&F	78½	79½	Scott Papr	38½	39½
Bkr Hughes	27½	27½	Illinois TW	54½	54½	Seagram	92½	93½
Black Decker	13½	13½	Inco	30½	31	Sears Rbk	33	32½
Block	50½	50½	Ingsol-Rand	43½	44½	Secrty Pac	23½	24½
Bnkrs Tst NY	41	43½	Inland Steel	21½	22½	Shrwn-Wlms	43	42½
Boeing	47½	47½	Intel	44½	44½	Skyline	16½	16
Boise Casc	25	25½	Intl Paper	59½	60	Snap-on Tls	30½	30½
Borden	34½	34½	ITT	54½	54½	Southern	27½	27½
Brist-Myer	76½	76	James River	25½	25½	St Paul	67½	66½
Browng-Fer	25½	25½	Johnsn Jhsn	90½	90½	Stanley Wk	35	34½
Burl Nth	28½	28½	K Mart	40	39½	Stone Cntr	13½	13½
CAI	8½	8½	Kellogg	92½	92½	Sun Co	33	32½
Campbell Sp	77½	76½	Kerr-McGee	42½	42½	Sunst Bk	27½	27½
Cap Cities	470	470	Kimbly-Clrk	86½	86	Super Valu	27½	27½
Capital HC	48½	48½	Knght-Riddr	49½	49½	SW Bell	54	54½
Carolina	47	47½	Lilly	76	76½	Syntex	77½	77½
Caterpillar	48½	49½	Limited	25½	25½	Sysco	35	35
CBS	170½	171	Lin Brdcstg	61	61½	Tandem	12½	12½
Central SW	43½	43½	Lincln Nat	50	49½	Tandy	31½	31½
Champion	26	25½	Litton Ind	82½	82½	Tele-comm	14½	14½
Chase Man	14½	14½	Lockheed	41½	40½	Teledyne	22½	22½
Chem Bnkg	15½	16	Louis-Pac	30½	31½	Temple-In	36½	36½
Chevron	76½	76	Manu Hano	23½	24	Tenneco	44	44½
Chrysler	14½	14½	Marriott	16½	16½	Texaco	64	63½
Chubb	66½	66½	Marsh Mclen	76½	76½	Texas Inst	38	38
Cigna	46½	46½	Martin Mar	53½	53½	Texas Util	36½	36½
Citicorp	13½	14	Masco	21½	21½	Textron	31½	31½
Ciorne Liz	44½	44	May Dept	49½	49	Time Wrnr	103½	104½
Clorox	39½	40	Maytag	14½	14½	Times Mirr	28½	28½
Cmwlth Edis	39½	39½	McDnl Doug	36½	36½	Timken	26½	25½
CNA Fncl	84½	83½	McDonalds	33½	33½	Torchmark	53½	52½
Coastal	32½	32½	McGraw-Hill	56½	55½	Toys R Us	25½	25½
Coca-Cola	53½	54	MCI Com	25½	25½	Transam	35½	35½
Colgate-Pal	75½	76	Mead	28½	28½	Travelers	22½	22½
Columb Gas	44½	44½	Medtronic	111½	109½	Tribune	41½	41½
Compaq	62½	60	Mellon Bk	25½	25½	TRW	38½	38½
Conagra	42½	42½	Melville	50	50	Tyco Lab	48	48
Cons Edis	25	24½	Merck	103½	103½	UAL	141½	143½
Cons NG	40½	40½	Merll Lynch	32½	32½	Un Camp	39½	39
Cons Rail	46½	47½	MM&M	87½	87½	Un Carbide	17½	17½
Cooper Ind	48½	47½	Mobil	64½	63½	Un Pacific	72	72½
Corning	60½	60	Monsanto	56	55	Unilever	85½	85½
CPC Intl	82½	82½	Moore	24½	24½	Unisys	5½	5½
Crown Cork	61½	60½	Morgan	44½	45½	Unocal	26½	27½
CSX	36½	36½	Motorola	57½	57½	Upjohn	48	47½
Dana	27½	27½	Nat Medical	46½	45½	US West	39½	39½
Dayton-Hud	67½	67½	Nat Semi	7	7	Usair Gp	19½	20½
Deere	50	50	Nat Service	26½	25½	USF&G	9½	10
Delta Air	70½	70½	Navistar	4	4	US Life	38	37½
Deluxe	36½	36½	NCNB	29½	29½	UST	43½	42½
Detroit Edi	28½	28½	NCR	96½	96½	USX	30½	30½
Digital Eq	66½	66½	NED Bncp	38½	38	Utd Tech	47½	48½
Dillard	101½	101	Newmnt Min	36½	36½	Utd Telcm	23½	23½
Disney	118½	118½	Niagr Mhwk	14½	14½	VF	24	24
Dominion	46½	46	Nike	44½	45½	Wal-Mart	36½	37½
Donnelley	46½	46½	NL Indstrs	13	12½	Waste Mgmt	37½	38
Dover	39½	40	Nordstorm	33½	33½	Wells Fargo	71½	72½
Dow Chem	47½	46½	Norflk Sthn	43½	43½	Westg Elec	28½	28½
Dow Jones	24½	23½	Norwest	24½	24½	Weyerhsr	23½	23½
Dresser Ind	24½	24½	Nthn St Pwr	35½	35	Whirlpool	26½	26½
Du Pont	36½	35½	Nthn Telcm	30½	30½	Whitman	25½	25½
Duke Pwr	28½	28½	NY Times	21½	21½	Winn-Dixie	37½	36½
Dun Bradst	46½	45½	Nynex	71½	73½	Woolworth	31	31
East Kodak	42½	42½	Occid Petrl	18½	19½	Wrigley	59	58½
Eaton	58	58½	Ohio Edi	18½	18½	Wrner-Lamb	73½	74½
Emerson El	42½	42½	Oracle Sys	8½	8½	Xerox	54½	54½

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyons (*519)	500	35	48	67	8	19	25
	550	8	23	35	32	47	58
	600	2	9	19	78	85	87
ASDA (*125)	120	11½	18	20	2	4½	7
	130	6	12	14	5½	8	11½
	140	2½	7	10	12½	15	18
Bass (*998)	1000	35	62	92	22	44	52
	1050	15	42	67	54	70	80
	1100	5	25	47	100	105	112
Boots (*364)	300	66	72	77	1	3	4
	330	37	46	54	1½	7½	11
	360	14	24	35	10	19	22
Br Airways (*164)	140	26	29	32	2	6	8
	160	9	15	20	6	13	16
	180	3	6½	11	19	26	28
BP (*333)	300	39	46	51	2	6	8
	330	16	25	33	7½	15	18
	360	4	11	20	27	31	35
Br Steel (*136)	130	11	15	15	3	8	9
	140	4	7½	10	6½	13	16
	160	1	3	4	25	28	30
C & W (*529)	460	82	92	105	3	8	13
	500	42	60	75	6	18	24
	550	13	31	48	27	40	45
CU (*511)	460	62	80	88	1	7	11½
	500	28	50	60	10	18	24
	550	6	24	34	38	42	48
Courtauld (*399)	330	79	83	91	½	3	5
	360	49	54	67	2	6½	9
	390	24	33	46	6½	19	17
GKN (*373)	330	49	60	67	3	5	11
	360	23	41	47	8	16	20
	390	7	24	32	23	28	35
Grand Met (*773)	700	88	110	125	4	12	21
	750	45	73	93	12	26	34
	800	18	45	67	37	52	58
ICI (*1002)	1000	40	82	97	23	40	54
	1050	16	57	70	51	62	78
	1100	8	37	54	94	95	109
Kingfisher (*447)	390	60	68	74	1	7	13
	420	34	46	54	4½	16	22
	460	13	24	32	25	35	41
Ladbroke (*287)	260	34	40	49	3½	11	15
	280	18	27	37	9	18	21
	300	9	18	27	18	28	30
Land Sec (*548)	500	58	65	70	2½	7	11
	550	17	28	40	12	27	30
	600	2	9	19	52	62	65
M & S (*239)	220	22	28	36	2	6½	8½
	240	9	15½	22	8½	16	18
	260	2½	7½	13½	24	28	30
Sainsbury (*350)	300	54	59	68	1	3	4½
	330	26	35	45	3	8	11
	360	7	17	27	16	22	24
Shell (*479)	420	70	85	92	2	5½	7½
	460	32	52	62	7½	12	18
	500	10	29	38	26	30	37
Smkl Beech (*738)	700	55	82	102	6	17	25
	750	23	51	72	25	37	45
	800	7	29	49	58	65	73
Storehse (*110)	110	6	11	14	7	11	13
	120	2½	6½	9½	13	17	20
	130	1	3	-	23	24	-
Trafalgar (*254)	240	22	30	39	6	20	24
	260	10	22	29	15	30	34
	280	4	14	22	30	43	45
Ultramar (*323)	300	32	45	50	3½	7	12
	330	12	25	33	13	20	25
	360	4	12	18	38	40	42
Unilever (*743)	600	147	148	-	1	3	-
	650	97	107	130	3	7	9
	700	50	74	92	6½	17	20
	750	13	42	62	30	38	43
Utd Bisc (*380)	330	50	54	63	1½	4½	7
	360	20	32	42	7	12	16
	390	4½	16	25	25	28	32
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA (*408)	390	38	45	57	9	20	20
	420	19	28	42	22	33	35
	460	6	-	-	56	-	-
BAT Ind (*687)	600	96	105	122	4	11	14
	650	58	70	90	14	26	32
	700	27	45	64	34	47	53
	750	12	24	40	70	75	85
BTR (*409)	360	52	65	68	3½	7½	11
	390	29	44	50	12	16	22
	420	12	26	33	28	32	36
Br Aero (*623)	550	95	115	125	6½	11	18
	600	52	77	90	17	25	33
	650	27	50	63	45	53	55
Br Telecm (*348)	300	56	62	66	1	4½	6
	330	29	38	45	5	11	14
	360	12½	20	27	18	25	27
Cadbury (*375)	330	56	67	74	2½	4½	6
	360	31	44	52	7	11	14
	390	13	27	37	21	24	28
Guinness (*877)	800	88	115	127	8	17	23
	850	52	78	95	22	32	40
	900	27	52	70	48	58	62
GEC (*206)	200	15	18	23	5½	11½	13½
	220	5½	8½	13	17	23	25
	240	2	-	-	35	-	-
Hanson (*235)	220	23½	28	35	3	7½	8½
	240	10½	16	23	11½	15½	17
	260	4	9½	14	26	29	29
LASMO (*344)	330	48	60	70	5	9	11
	360	26	40	50	14	20	24
	390	13	25	33	33	37	40
P & O (*603)	550	65	75	82	11	17	23
	600	28	41	54	30	37	46
	650	9	23	34	67	70	77
Pilkington (*187)	160	35	34	38	2½	7	8½
	180	18	20	26	7	14	16
	200	8½	12	17	19	27	29
Prudential (*233)	220	17	25	29	7	10	12½
	240	7	15	19	18	20	23
	260	3	8½	12	35	35	35

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Racal (*211)	180	37	41	47	2½	5	7
	200	22	27	34	7½	11½	13
	220	10	17	24	18	20	22
	240	5	-	-	34	-	-
RTZ (*535)	420	116	124	-	1½	3	-
	460	76	88	98	3½	10	12
	500	36	59	68	13	21	25
	550	15	30	42	44	47	52
Scot New (*372)	330	53	60	-	2½	6	-
	360	31	38	46	8	16	18
	390	14	23	29	23	32	35
	420	6	11	18	48	55	57
Tesco (*267)	233	38	43	-	2½	4	-
	253	19	27	-	5½	8	-
	280	6	15	18	21	22	24
Thames W. (*291)	280	24	29	32	5	12	15
	300	14	18	23	14	23	25
	330	5	7	12	40	45	46
Lucas (*161)	140	24	28	32	5	8	8
	160	9	17	20	12	12	17
	180	4	7	12	25	28	29
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Fisons (*455)	420	40	55	70	4	11	14
	460	13	30	44	19	25	27
	500	3	14	26	51	52	53
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Abbey Nat (*259)	240	21	30	35	1	4½	7½
	260	5	16	23	5½	11	15
	280	1	8	13	23	25	28
Amstrad (*81)	60	22	24	27	½	1	2½
	70	12	16	19	1	2	4½
	80	3	10	13	2	5	9½
Barclays (*443)	390	57	72	80	1	5½	11
	420	28	50	60	1½	12	20
	460	4	24	35	18	28	36
Blue Circ (*257)	240	18	25	33	1½	10	17
	260	3½	15	22	7	22	26
	280	1½	7½	14	27	35	39
Br Gas (*244)	220	25½	36	37	1	3	5
	240	7	19	23	2½	8	14
	260	1½	9	13	17	19	25
Dixons (*180)	160	21	30	34	1	3½	7
	180	4	15	21	4	10	15
	200	1	8	12½	22	23	26
Glaxo (*1045)	950	100	135	-	1	14	-
	1000	48	95	-	2½	26	-
	1050	11	65	-	16	45	-
Hawker (*574)	500	80	85	100	1½	15	20
	550	28	50	68	6	27	38
	600	4	22	40	30	60	70
Hillsdown (*250)	220	35	40	49	1	7½	12
	240	13	26	37	2	15	20
	260	3	17	27	10	26	30
Lonrho (*254)	220	36	44	47	1	3	6½
	240	16	28	32	1	7	13
	260	3	16	22	9	16	22
Midland (*201)	160	53	58	53	1	2½	5
	180	23	33	36	½	7	11
	200	5	20	25	5	14	20
	220	1	11	16	20	26	31
Reuter (*859)	850	25	82	105	15	53	67
	900	3	50	80	48	75	90
	950	2	-	-	95	-	-
R-Royce (*167)	140	27	32	38	½	2½	5
	160	7	17½	22	1½	6½	10
	180	1	7	12	15	18	21
Sears (*92)	80	14	16	16	1	3	4
	90	4½	8	10	1½	5	7½
	100	1	3½	6	9	14	15
THF (*272)	260	16	22	28	1½	10½	14
	280	4	12	19	10	21	24
	300	1	7	11	29	36	39
Thorn EMI (*730)	650	83	107	108	1	6	14
	700	33	67	70	2	17	31
	750	4	34	42	25	36	53
	800	1	17	24	75	72	90
TSB (*152)	130	23	28	30	1	1½	3
	140	13	19	22	1	3	5
	160	1½	8	11	9	11	13
Vaal Reefs (*$56)	50	8	12½	14	1	3½	6
	60	2	6	8	4½	9	11
Wellcome (*507)	460	56	77	97	1½	12	18
	500	17	50	72	6	26	32
	550	3	26	45	37	52	58
	Series	Mar	May	Aug	Mar	May	Aug
Eastn Elec (*164)	140	25	29	32	1	3	5
	160	5	14	17	2½	6½	13
	180	1	5½	8	17	19	28
Sthrn Elec (*171)	140	33	36	-	1	2½	-
	160	14	19	-	2	4½	-
	180	1½	8	-	10½	14	-
Elec Pack (*£1843)	1800	70	125	-	20	50	-
	1850	35	95	-	45	80	-
	1900	20	80	-	80	110	-
	Series	Jun	Sep	-	Jun	Sep	-
Nat Power (*132)	130	11	15	-	6	10½	-
	140	6½	10	-	11	15	-
	160	2	5½	-	28	32	-

FT-SE INDEX (*£2443)

	2300	2350	2400	2450	2500	2550
Calls						
Mar	158	106	59	24	7	2
Apr	178	137	95	67	43	25
May	200	179	123	95	66	50
Jun	220	183	142	115	88	65
Dec	320	—	255	—	205	—
Puts						
Mar	2	3	9	24	63	113
Apr	15	22	38	57	84	122
May	28	35	52	72	99	130
Jun	35	47	62	82	107	122
Dec	78	—	110	—	160	—

March 22, 1991 Total: 26240 Calls 16910 Puts 9830 FT-SE: Calls 2248 Puts 2906

*Underlying security price.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	2,624	Cadbury	5,120	L&G	1,463	Royal Bnk	2,284
Alld-Lyons	2,130	CU	448	Lloyds	1,517	Royal Ins	588
Anglian	186	Courtaulds	1,318	Lonrho	2,846	Sainsbury	1,442
ASDA	2,960	Dalgety	546	Lucas	2,680	Scot & N	1,311
AB Foods	686	Enterprise	632	M&S	3,782	Sears	2,469
Argyll	869	Eurotunnel	63	Maxwell Cm	495	Severn Trnt	1,036
BAA	1,548	Fisons	804	MEPC	141	Shell	2,468
BET	3,808	Gen Acc	1,061	Midland	5,446	Smith & N	8,181
BTR	3,775	GEC	4,719	Nat West	2,188	SK Beech	1,852
BAT	1,832	Glaxo	1,778	N W Water	343	Sun Allnce	873
Barclays	1,881	Grand Met	2,000	P&O	1,061	Tarmac	1,935
Bass	1,412	GUS 'A'	112	Pearson	419	Tate Lyle	1,982
BICC	1,512	GRE	2,482	Pilkington	818	TSB	1,344
Bk Scotlnd	400	GKN	1,971	Prudential	2,704	Tesco	3,891
Blue Circle	893	Guinness	3,277	Racal	1,880	Thames Wtr	528
BOC	2,375	Hamm 'A'	35	Rk Hovis	2,880	Thorn EMI	803
Boots	1,483	Hanson	6,149	Rank	541	Trafalgar	1,861
Br Aero	619	H & C	1,256	R&C	181	THF	2,399
Br Airways	1,788	Hawker	782	Redland	3,654	Ultramar	3,191
Br Gas	5,100	Hillsdown	1,813	Reed	587	Unilever	1,497
Br Petrol	5,594	ICI	1,219	Reuters	1,054	United Bis	1,052
Br Steel	3,537	Kingfisher	2,485	RMC Gp	347	Wellcome	419
Br Telecm	11,369	Lasmo	1,875	RTZ	3,047	Whitbrd	1,820
Burmah Cst	477	Ladbroke	2,882	R-Royce	6,247	Wgn Teape	2,414
C&W	1,772	Land Sec	1,095	Rothmn 'B'	216	Willis Cor	2,788

RECENT ISSUES

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(Issue price in brackets).

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 2855.69 (+0.24)*
S&P Composite .... 366.84 (+0.26)*

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .. 26613.19 (+163.84)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 3716.15 (+54.99)
FT-SE Euro 100 .... 1077.21 (+0.77)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 93.4 (-0.1)

Sydney: AO .... 1427.5 (+2.9)

Frankfurt: DAX .... 1520.29 (+0.70)

Brussels:
General .... 5731.99 (+29.46)

Paris: CAC .... 473.77 (-0.89)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 542.0 (+3.8)

London:
FT.—A All-Share .... 1189.12 (-14.36)
FT.— "500" .... 1308.21 (-14.91)
FT. Gold Mines .... 145.3 (same)
FT. Fixed Interest .... 94.24 (+0.12)
FT. Govt Secs .... 85.01 (+0.05)
Bargains 36556
SEAQ Volume 523.3m
USM (Datastream) .... 137.73 (-0.38)

*Denotes latest trading price

WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (£)	Yearly ch'ge (£)	Daily ch'ge (lc)*	Yearly ch'ge (lc)*	Daily ch'ge (US$)	Yearly ch'ge (US$)
The World	681.2	0.4	18.7	0.0	13.1	-0.3	9.9
(free)	130.2	0.4	18.6	-0.1	12.9	-0.3	9.8
EAFE	1159.9	0.3	18.2	-0.2	14.3	-0.5	9.4
(free)	119.1	0.3	18.1	-0.3	14.0	-0.5	9.3
Europe	680.6	-0.6	14.3	-0.5	15.2	-1.3	5.9
(free)	146.7	-0.7	13.8	-0.8	14.5	-1.4	5.4
Nth America	503.8	0.7	19.6	-0.1	10.7	-0.1	10.7
Nordic	1328.4	0.0	22.2	0.0	21.7	-0.7	13.1
(free)	211.6	-0.4	18.3	-0.4	18.4	-1.1	9.5
Pacific	2619.2	0.9	21.4	0.0	13.5	0.2	12.4
Far East	3795.6	0.9	21.4	0.0	13.6	0.2	12.4
Australia	279.7	1.2	21.8	0.2	12.6	0.5	12.8
Austria	1442.1	0.0	10.2	0.3	12.3	-0.7	2.1
Belgium	806.3	0.7	14.2	0.8	15.9	0.0	5.7
Canada	483.2	0.0	13.5	-0.6	5.0	-0.7	5.2
Denmark	1226.3	-0.4	13.7	-0.4	14.9	-1.1	5.2
Finland	83.0	2.7	28.9	2.6	28.8	1.9	19.3
(free)	118.1	1.2	37.3	1.1	37.2	0.5	27.1
France	654.1	-0.3	14.1	0.0	16.2	-1.0	5.6
Germany	725.6	-0.8	6.0	-0.5	7.8	-1.5	-1.9
Hong Kong	2586.3	2.1	33.4	1.3	28.2	1.3	23.5
Italy	287.9	-0.2	12.8	-0.1	13.4	-1.0	4.4
Japan	3965.9	0.9	20.9	-0.1	13.2	0.1	11.9
Netherlands	814.2	-0.5	10.3	-0.2	12.2	-1.2	2.1
New Zealand	58.3	-0.5	13.3	-1.2	3.6	-1.2	4.9
Norway	1165.0	-0.6	4.6	-0.5	5.5	-1.3	-3.2
(free)	205.5	-0.5	5.7	-0.5	6.7	-1.3	-2.1
Sing/Malay	1854.4	2.1	27.9	1.3	20.4	1.4	18.4
Spain	207.0	-1.3	26.1	-1.2	24.9	-2.0	16.7
Sweden	1483.5	-0.2	30.3	-0.4	28.5	-1.0	20.7
(free)	213.7	-0.3	28.8	-0.5	27.0	-1.1	19.2
Switzerland	815.0	0.7	15.5	0.4	18.1	0.0	7.0
(free)	122.9	0.7	14.3	0.3	16.8	0.0	5.8
UK	739.8	-1.1	15.7	-1.1	15.7	-1.8	7.2
USA	458.1	0.7	20.1	0.0	11.1	0.0	11.1

(lc) Local currency.* *Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International.*

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
March 18	April 5	June 27	July 8

Call options were taken out on: 22/3/91 ADT, Barratt Devs, Budgens, Conroy Petroleum, Geers Gross, NSM, Oliver Res, Saatchi & Saatchi, Strong & Fisher, Tuskar Res.

Puts: Allied Partnership, McCarthy & Stone, Saatchi & Saatchi, Waco.

Puts & Calls: Ferranti, McCarthy & Stone, WPP.

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WEEKEND MONEY
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Company share schemes opened for Pep plans

By Sara McConnell

MOST employees of publicly quoted companies are likely to be able to put shares given to them or bought under an employee share scheme into a tax-free personal equity plan from the start of next year.

The Budget proposes that from January 1 investors will be able to put £3,000 a year into a Pep investing in the shares of a single company, in addition to the existing £6,000 allowance for investment in a general plan. From the same date, employees will also be able to transfer shares acquired under approved all-employee share schemes, either a profit sharing scheme or a savings-related share option scheme, into a single share Pep without having to pay capital gains tax.

Share save schemes give employees the option to buy shares in their company, after saving regularly with a bank or building society for either five or seven years. The monthly limit was increased in the Budget from £150 to £250. The society adds a bonus to the fund built up, which can be used to buy shares in the company, or the cash and bonus withdrawn.

The share price is fixed at the outset and can be up to 20 per cent below the market price at the time.

Employees in profit sharing schemes are given a proportion of shares in the company, tax-free as part of their salary. The limits on profit-sharing schemes will go up from April 6 to £3,000 or 10 per cent of salary if greater, up to £8,000.

Before the Budget, those whose share save plans had matured and who had bought shares would have had to sell these and put the cash realised into a plan, as Pep plans normally only accept cash. From the beginning of next year, shares can be transferred directly into a single company Pep which saves dealing charges.

Bob Birkhead, manager of corporate business administration at the Halifax Building Society, said: "The government has done a lot to encourage people to join schemes like share save, but nothing to encourage people to keep shares until now."

Some 48 publicly quoted companies have already set up corporate Peps, but employee benefit consultants believe most will probably have one in place by next January. Richard Cockman, chairman of Cockman consultants and Partners, which manages 35 corporate Peps for various companies said: "Most public companies will almost certainly have to launch a Pep. People were looking for some support for a link between employee share schemes and corporate Peps."

Companies that already have a corporate Pep will probably have to set up another Pep approved by the Inland Revenue to receive transfers from employee share schemes.

An Inland Revenue working party will decide in the autumn how the transfer will work. Some companies may set up a corporate Pep with a limit of £3,000 a year next to a general Pep with an annual limit of £6,000.

Elaine Flowers, senior consultant at Mercer Fraser, said: "It will be possible to have two Peps, a corporate Pep and a general Pep, which increase the individual's investment ceiling from £6,000 to £9,000."

Corporate Peps are cheaper to manage than general Peps and lower charges are passed on to investors. Companies often buy shares in bulk and will quite often cover most of the costs for employees. Dealing costs are low as only one stock is held. According to the Chase de Vere Pep guide, most single share schemes have an initial charge of between 0.5 and 1 per cent, while annual management charges are another 0.5 to 1 per cent. Some companies charge an initial flat rate of between £5 and £10 to cover administration and an annual charge of about 0.5 per cent.

This compares favourably with an average 5 per cent initial charge and a 1 per cent annual charge generally for Peps. Plans than include unit trusts normally charge 1 per cent annually for the trust management in addition to Pep management.

Self-select Peps that allow investors to choose their own stocks from banks like Lloyds are initially cheaper but charge for withdrawing or transferring from the plan. Lloyds' Choice Pep carries a £25 charge at the start and an annual charge of 1 per cent. The first withdrawal is free, then the bank charges £10 a time. Transfers cost 0.25 per cent a time.

Robin Bloor, deputy managing director at Chase de Vere Investments, said that people taking advantage of the extra £3,000 investment limit, are taking more of a risk. "It sounds great, but people should remember they are sticking their name firmly against one company. Look what's happened to lots of companies recently."

Unit trust and investment trust providers also argue that the Chancellor's assistance for corporate Peps has not helped the private investor. Barry Bateman, managing director of Fidelity, said: "It is disappointing that the change of chancellor has not changed the government bias against collective investment schemes."

Pep managers welcomed the announcement that unit trusts or investment trusts would qualify for a Pep if at least 50 per cent of the trust was invested in shares quoted in European Community members states.

'It sounds great, but people should remember they are sticking their name against one company'

TONY WHITE

Richard Cockman, whose consultancy firm manages 35 corporate Peps, believes that most public companies will now have to launch one

Dishonest savers face large fines

By Lindsay Cook
MONEY EDITOR

SAVERS who falsely claim that they are non-taxpayers to earn interest without deduction of tax on building society and bank accounts could face fines of up to £3,000.

Those who register and then find their income rises above their personal tax allowances also risk being fined if they deliberately fail to inform their bank or building society.

Parents who register their children's accounts when they know too much of their savings came from the parents to qualify for gross interest, could also be fined. The announcement of the new penalty in the Budget comes two weeks before composite rate tax is scrapped. From April 6, interest on savings will be taxed at the basic rate of tax (25 per cent) instead of the lower composite rate (22 per cent). The 15 million savers who are non-taxpayers will be able to receive interest gross from that date.

Those who expect to pay no tax in the next financial year are being urged to fill in form R85 to qualify for gross interest on their accounts.

The forms have been available since early December but few savers eligible for gross tax have filled them in. Every household should also have received a leaflet explaining taxing of savings. Some savers may have been waiting for the Budget announcement of the personal tax allowances for next year to make sure they do not make a false declaration.

Single people and married women will be able to earn £3,295 before they become taxpayers. Married men can earn £5,015. Single people and married women aged between 65 and 74 can earn £4,020. Married men of this age can earn £6,375. Single people aged over 75 can earn £4,180 and married men can earn a total of £6,575. Mortgage tax relief and other allowances will add to these basic allowances for some savers.

Children under 16 qualify for gross payment of interest if they have a total income below the single person's allowance and they earn less than £100 interest a year on money from each of their parents, who can each give them about £800.

The Inland Revenue said: "Parents could face a fine of £3,000 if they put a large sum into a child's account and lied about where it came from. Each case will be considered according to the facts. If someone had a lot of accounts with substantial sums of money in them, it would be obvious that they were deliberately making a false declaration. If the saver were just a few pounds over it would be considered differently."

Many married women who have savings in building society or bank accounts wrongly believe they are non-taxpayers even though they receive substantially more interest each year than their personal tax allowance. Until now they have had composite rate tax deducted and had no further tax to pay if their income was less than £20,700 a year.

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

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Squirrel	14.89	15.68	+0.02	..
Bear	14.96	15.75	−0.16	..
Owl	15.58	16.40	−0.23	..
Bull	14.13	14.88	+0.08	..
Stag	14.18	14.93	+0.04	..
Gilt Edged	13.67		−0.03	..
Deposit	13.29		+0.02	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	18.78	19.77	+0.04	..
Bear	18.81	19.80	−0.26	..
Owl	19.77	20.82	−0.41	..
Bull	16.90	17.79	−0.11	..
Stag	16.54	17.42	+0.05	..
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Deposit	15.94		+0.03	..
Exempt App Mixed	182.9	186.7	−2.03	..
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Property Fund Inc	269.0	283.2	+0.2	..
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Equity Fund Income	132.8	139.8	−2.5	..
Do Accum	158.2	166.6	−2.6	..
Selective Fund	356.7	375.5	−3.1	..
Money Fund	304.2	320.3	+0.5	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	345.5	363.7	+0.2	..
Equity Ser 4	180.0	189.5	−3.1	..
Man Ser 4	462.9	487.3	−3.5	..
Conv Ser 4	368.7	383.9	+0.4	..
Money Ser 4	269.5	283.7	+0.4	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	253.1	266.5	+0.9	..
American Ser 4	314.5	331.1	+4.1	..
High Inc Ser 4	494.2	520.3	−7.3	..
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Japan Ser 4	291.0	306.4	−0.3	..
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Gtd Money Fd Acc	276.0	290.4	+0.4	..
Int Man Fd Acc	402.9	424.1	−2.7	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	226.3	238.2	−0.2	..
Japan Fund	268.3	282.4	−3.0	..
Nth American Fd Acc	221.8	232.3	+0.2	..

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Paying over the going rate

COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

Spring, the season for house-hunting, arrived this week and was welcomed by another bank base rate cut of half a percentage point. Within minutes of the announcement, Nationwide Building Society cut its mortgage rate.

However, the second largest society was not thinking of its hard-pressed existing borrowers who are struggling to pay high mortgage rates. It was cynically trying to steal a march on its more straight-dealing rivals.

The cut of 0.95 of a percentage point from Easter Monday gives a standard mortgage rate of 12.95 per cent to new customers borrowing up to £60,000 and a rate as low as 11.95 per cent for those borrowing £120,000 or more. It is certainly attractive business for the society and the cut, which takes into account a future cut in bank base rates, is likely to bring a lot of new borrowers to its doors.

Some existing borrowers are also offered comfort in the form of a further half a percentage point reduction on their mortgage rate if they move house and stay with the society.

The Nationwide seems to want it all ways. It has not cut its rate for the loyal long-paying borrowers. Only those who might be tempted by mortgage products offered elsewhere are being considered. The vast majority of Nationwide borrowers will start April paying more than the going rate for a mortgage. The society's base rate is 13.9 per cent, compared with the *Halifax's 13.75* per cent.

If Nationwide was in line on its standard mortgage rate charged to its 1.1 million existing borrowers, it would be less liable to criticism. Their turn will come after another base rate cut.

Those considering the new offer should remember that they too will become existing borrowers if they take the society's money. They too could, in time, find they are paying over the odds for their loan.

It is far cheaper for a society to offer new borrowers a discount *than to cut the mortgage rate for* all. The society does not have to cut its savers' rates to do so thus making them as uncompetitive as its mortgage rate for existing customers.

The Nationwide may also hope that it will make more out of commissions on insurance policies and other products sold to new customers than it gives them as a discount. This may be enterprising at a time when lenders hope that the property market will begin to pick up. It is not, however, the behaviour expected of a mutual with the interests of *its members uppermost in its* thoughts.

Bonus ties

Bonuses for both investors and borrowers are now a common feature of building society mergers. Leamington Spa savers will receive 1 per cent if members vote in favour of the merger with the Bradford & Bingley. Bedford Crown investors will receive 3 per cent if members vote for amalgamation with the Cheltenham & Gloucester.

In addition to rewarding loyalty, such bonuses may encourage members to vote positively for a merger. The Bradford & Bingley has probably lost thousands of votes as a result of the cut off date for Leamington members.

It has chosen January 1 and *thus disqualified all the people* who invested as soon as the new tax exempt special savings accounts became available. Tessas were officially launched on January 1, but because branches did not open on that day, the earliest that Tessa money could be invested was January 2, a Bradford & Bingley official explained. The qualifying date for the extra money is often the date when terms were agreed between the societies and can be a matter of days or weeks before the merger becomes public. It is unfortunate that the date chosen by the Bradford & Bingley manages to exclude the account that took in the most money in January.

The announcement that the merger was taking place was not made until *six* weeks *later*. It seems unlikely that the chief executives of the two societies agreed the deal on a public holiday. But *they will* have known how popular Tessas had been by the time the bonus was declared.

The Bradford & Bingley has *yet to announce what it proposes* to do with the interest rates on existing Leamington Spa accounts. It has, however, guaranteed the differential for the five year account above its own ordinary share account.

Bedford Crown Tessa investors will receive the 3 per cent when the societies merge on July 20, the Cheltenham & Gloucester said.

Budget sanctions sales of shares over counter

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

SHARES could be on sale in supermarkets and chain stores alongside groceries and clothes within a year if a *scheme outlined in the Budget* receives support from financial institutions and retail groups.

To give the proposal a boost, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, offered high street institutions the opportunity to sell off part of the government's remaining stake in British Telecom. They could be allocated shares in the company to sell over the counter.

The government would welcome a supermarket joining forces with a prominent stockbroker to offer an accessible and cheap share-dealing service, or a chain store joining forces with an investment bank, according to Francis *Maude*, *financial* secretary to the Treasury.

The privatisations had helped to quadruple the number of people holding shares, he said, but had not encouraged people to be active shareholders. A high street network of share shops could achieve this. "The *main barrier is the* inaccessibility and remoteness of the Stock Exchange and stockbrokers. Stockbrokers have not come to the high street."

Mr Maude emphasised that the Treasury had no preconceived ideas: "An obvious *institution to do this* would be a clearing bank or a building society. We would welcome propositions from combinations of organisations. It could be of interest to organisations in the retail sector."

He added: "We are not very far down the line. If Sainsbury's *come up* with a *proposition* to sell shares in shops, it would be looked at. If they want to sell Sainsbury's shares, they would have to consult whether they could do that." The Companies Act prevents firms from dealing in their own shares. Mr Maude said it would be helpful for section 151 of the act to be clarified.

A spokesman for J Sainsbury *said:* "The way Sainsbury's foresees its development in the year to come, it would be a long way down the line." The supermarket has no financial products.

Marks and Spencer already has two unit trusts and offers tax-free personal equity plans (Peps). *Leaflets on these products* are in all stores at cash desks and most sales are made as a result of customers using these. A spokeswoman said: "We're examining closely the detail and the implications of the proposals. It would be a very different departure. The store is involved merely as a vehicle to get information to the public for the unit trusts and Pep. We have nothing like it in our stores."

The introduction of the Taurus system, which will do away with share certificates, will allow share shops to set up systems that would enable costs to fall substantially, said Mr Maude.

In the past, share shops have failed because there was not sufficient business. Mr Maude said this time it would be different because there would be a national network, not just one or two share shops, and there would be greater demand.

Any firm offering shares for sale would need to be authorised under the Financial Services Act. That could prove a stumbling block. Regulatory costs could also prove a burden for share shops in stores offering a buying and selling service, as they would be *deemed to be procuring* investments. Selling a new issue share at a fixed price might be viewed less stringently.

A stores group could act as the appointed representative of a broker for the sale of privatisation shares. If they *wanted to apply to the* Securities and Investments Board for membership, there would be an initial fee of £4,000 plus £40 for each person carrying out investment activities. For firms with more than 100 involved in investment business, the annual fee is £14,000 plus £30 for each individual.

Abbey National, which has the largest shareholder list in Europe with 3.7 million shareholders, already deals in its own shares, those of the electricity companies and PowerGen and National Power. The service, offered with Sharelink, has a minimum fee of £12.50.

Malcolm Holdsworth, project *manager*, share-dealing services at Abbey National said: "We have chosen the centralised dealing services rather than the share shop approach. If it were in the branches, it would vary from just a trickle of business day to day and huge queues at times of privatisations preventing us from carrying on with our core business." However, he said: "We'll be looking at it afresh in the light of the BT second phase proposal."

Barclays handled more than one million transactions during *the sale* of the *12 electricity* companies. Tony Vine-Lott, managing director of Barclays Broker Services, said the bank was keen to put forward a service to sell privatisation shares. It also wanted to provide dealing services with other organisations. "I see no reason why it should preclude supermarkets, such as Sainsbury's," he said.

"We are talking to a lot of organisations to promote our corporate share-dealing service. We would consider any organisation with the right sort of quality image that could sell shares."

However, Mr Vine-Lott was not sure that a new system could be any cheaper than the bank's current charges. These worked out at a minimum of £12.50 on electricity shares or £28 on other deals. "This is not expensive if you are selling *£2,000 worth* of *shares, but it* is if you have £200."

On the question of selling the BT shares, Mr Vine-Lott said if shares were allocated to institutions for them to sell, one problem would be how to impose rationing and exclude multiple purchases. "We would not want *queues*. We would have to look at a preregistration system and for this to work you would need a client relationship. This would tend to rule out supermarkets, but Marks and Spencer, with its credit operation, could support an orderly market."

National Westminster Bank will open its first investment shop in Taunton on April 2. The shop, separate from a *branch, will have an instant* dealing touchscreen. Midland Bank already has 20 share shops in branches and two in Debenhams stores.

David Powell, director of personal financial services at National Westminster Bank, said: "We are excited by the idea of share shops. We are well placed for share dealing in the High Street. We have started looking at the Budget proposals, but it is too early to say *whether we would go* ahead." The bank already provides a share-dealing service for British Gas shareholders and employees.

Steve Crockford of Midland Stockbrokers said: "I think it has to be remembered that the clearing banks have share-dealing services. It is very *low* profile. We need to raise the profile. Share shops can do this and we are opening more this year."

Skipton Building Society offered free dealing in any of the electricity companies to investors who bought their shares through one of its branches.

As a result of the offer, run with Capel Cure Myers Capital Management, the society attracted 20,000 new investment accounts.

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Shares off the shelf: the hope is for supermarkets and stockbrokers to join forces

Pay plans receive tax boost

By SARA MCCONNELL

PEOPLE who get part of their salary as profit-related pay will be able to take the whole of any profit paid in the first 12-month profit period after April 1 tax free up to the existing limits of £4,000 or 20 per cent of salary, whichever is the lower.

Before this measure was announced in the Budget, only half of this limit was free of tax. The Inland Revenue calculates that the extra tax break will be worth as much as £1,000 a year for a basic rate taxpayer and up to £1,600 for a higher rate taxpayer.

Announcing the changes, Norman Lamont, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said: "There are now about 1,250 schemes in total involving nearly 300,000 employees. But there can, and should be, many more. So I propose to make the scheme more attractive."

The amount of profit-related pay received by individual employees as part of their total pay and benefits package tends to vary in line with the profitability of the company.

Employers are to receive a set of guidelines from the Inland Revenue on how to set *up profit-related* pay schemes.

The Chancellor also introduced incentives for companies to develop employee share ownership schemes that would benefit the whole company and not just highly paid executives.

From January next year, the price of shares under executive share options may be set at a discount of up to 15 per cent of the shares' market value, as long as the company has a share scheme for all its employees.

Homeowners face deadline on claims for higher relief

HIGHER rate taxpayers who are planning to move house with the help of a bridging loan will be able to keep some higher rate tax relief if their *financial* arrangements are in place by April 6. This could save them £624 a year (Lindsay Cook writes).

From that date, 860,000 higher rate taxpayers will have their tax relief cut to the basic rate of 25 per cent. To compensate, the threshold for the 40 per cent tax *is raised* by £3,000 to £23,700. The change will increase the monthly mortgage cost to higher rate taxpayers with £30,000 loans by £52.

The indexation of personal allowances also reduces the immediate impact, but this means that higher rate taxpayers will in effect not be compensated for inflation.

The Chancellor recognised that those people *forced to* take a bridging loan because they could not sell their existing home quickly enough would be doubly hit by the removal of the higher rate relief on both loans. The legislation will therefore allow those people who are entitled to higher rate relief on their first property to keep this.

To qualify, the original loan and bridging loan must be in *place before* April 6, or should be taken out "in pursuance of a binding contract to purchase a property made before that date". In these cases, the loan offer will have to be made in *writing before April 6.*

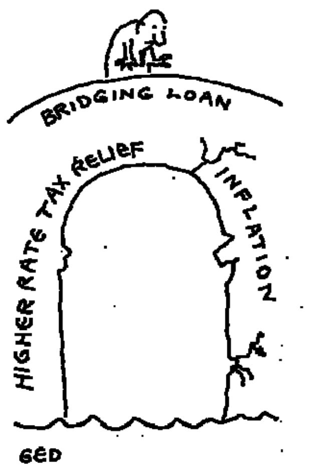
The restriction of the tax relief to basic rate will save £220 million in 1991-92 and *£420 million the following* year, assuming a mortgage rate of 13.75 per cent.

The change will also affect existing and new loans taken out by elderly people as part of home income plans. These usually use a loan to buy an annuity. A new tax regime for annuities could also reduce the yield on these from January, making home income plans worse value for the elderly. Higher rate relief is awarded through the tax code system. The codes for the financial year starting on April 6 have been issued. The Inland Revenue will, however, revise those for higher rate mortgage payers so that they do not underpay tax in the coming year and have to pay it back in 1992-3.

Employees who receive cheap mortgages, who are *higher rate taxpayers, will* be subject to a new 15 per cent tax charge as a result of the change. This will apply to the first £30,000 of the mortgage. To compensate them, the official interest rate, which is used to work out the taxable value of their benefit in kind, will be reduced. Until now, the official rate has tended to be higher than mortgage rates, but it will be brought into line.

The ceiling for the size of loans qualifying for tax relief is unchanged at £30,000. A few days before the Budget, Francis Maude, the financial secretary to the Treasury, said that scrapping higher rate relief could finance an increase in the ceiling of £7,000 at no cost.

After the Budget, Mr Maude said there were no plans to get rid of basic rate relief, which was received by 10 million people. He added that the Chancellor thought it was appropriate to maintain it at £30,000. At current interest rates, the tax relief is worth £90 a month to someone with a £30,000 loan.



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VAT increase puts extra on home deals

PEOPLE who are now buying or selling their home or having building work done face paying an additional 2.5 per cent VAT on their bills unless they can negotiate with their suppliers (Sara McConnell writes).

The rate was raised from 15 per cent to 17.5 per cent in the Budget. From April 1, all solicitors, estate agents, builders and other suppliers will have to charge VAT at the higher rate. This will add £25 to a £1,000 bill.

Any transactions straddling April 1 are likely to have VAT added at the higher rate on the whole bill regardless of whether some work was carried out when it was still charged at 15 per cent. Most individuals cannot claim back VAT.

However, Customs and Excise said this week there was nothing to prevent customers negotiating with suppliers to issue an invoice before the April 1 cut-off date. The invoice does not, however, have to be paid before April 1.

A spokesman for Customs and Excise said: "Everything is fixed by the invoice date. If an invoice is issued by April 1, VAT can be added at the old rate, although this will mean that the supplier will have to pay his VAT in March instead of April and may not be willing to do this."

Susan Hunt, head of research and information at the Federation of Master Builders said: "There are a lot of builders who have negotiated VAT-inclusive contracts not starting until after April 1. They will have to go back to the client for more money and there will be a lot of bad feeling."

Another problem with persuading a supplier to invoice before the work is finished is that customers may still be faced with additional bills if the suppliers incur additional expenses after April 1, which would have VAT added at 17.5 per cent.

A safer way for people to avoid paying more VAT than they are liable for may be to negotiate with the supplier to apportion the final invoice. All expenses incurred before April 1 would have VAT added at the old rate while any incurred after then would have VAT charged at the higher rate.

Chancellor widens options for young

By Sara McConnell

CHILDRENS SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

PAULA YOUENS

CHILDREN and parents, or grandparents investing for their children, have two new tax-free savings accounts to choose from after the Budget announcement that friendly societies and National Savings would be able to offer childrens' accounts.

Most children are non-taxpayers as long as they do not have more income than the single person's allowance, now £3,295. Tax-exempt life insurance policies with an annual limit of £200 can now be held in the name of a child under 18, instead of in the name of the parents as before. All the proceeds are tax free as long as the investment is held for at least 10 years.

At least one friendly society, Homeowners, which is based in Harrogate, has announced it will be launching a childrens' account called StartRight, into which children can pay £18 a month or £200 a year. The account is held in the child's own name and all proceeds after 10 years will be tax free. Other friendly societies are expected to follow suit.

Friendly societies emphasise that this is a long-term investment because the contributions are invested mostly in equities through unit-linked and with-profits funds. Roger Hocking, sales and marketing manager at the Homeowners, said: "The stockmarket has always produced a better rate of return over the long term, about 3 per cent to 4 per cent more than building societies over 10 years or longer."

The disadvantage of friendly society investments is that policyholders can lose money if the stockmarkets plunge dramatically and those surrendering the policy before the end of the term may lose more money than they put in.

Children will also be able to put up to £1,000 tax free into their own National Savings bond from July. Money held in the bond for five years will attract a fixed rate of interest to be announced later, but National Savings promises it will offer a better rate than fixed interest certificates. The 36th issue of fixed interest certificates will pay a guaranteed rate of 8.5 per cent after five years.

However, National Savings do not have the same commercial pressure to compete because their rates depend partly on whether the government needs to raise money. Robin Bloor, deputy managing director of Chase de Vere Investments said: "National Savings figures have traditionally been fairly poor and have taken children's money because they were the only accounts paying interest gross."

Building society and bank savings will begin paying interest without deduction of tax from April 6 as long as children register to be paid gross.

Small societies generally offer better rates on smaller sums. The highest paying rate specifically for children is offered by the Chorley Building Society, which pays 16 per cent.

Portfolio

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 38).

Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+6	+5	+2	+2	+4		
2	+5	+1	+5	+6	+6		
3	+7	+4	+8	+5	+7		
4	+7	+4	+2	+4	+8		
5	+8	+3	+8	+3	+7		
6	+6	+3	+3	+7	+7		
7	+7	+2	+2	+1	+4		
8	+6	+5	+2	+2	+3		
9	+7	+3	+7	+5	+8		
10	+7	+3	+1	+3	+4		
11	+6	+3	+3	+2	+4		
12	+9	+5	+8	+3	+9		
13	+8	+3	+2	+2	+3		
14	+5	+2	+5	+6	+5		
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Please indicate your choice by ticking the relevant box. The minimum investment is £2,000 and the maximum is £6,276, which includes the Manager's initial charge of 4% (usually 5%) +VAT. Please make your cheque payable to INVESCO MIM Management Ltd.
Taxhaven High Income (reinvested income) ☐
or Taxhaven High Income (distributed income) ☐
I would like to invest (including charges) £

2. PERSONAL DETAILS
MIM PEP reference (if existing plan holder)
Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/other)
Forenames
Surname
Permanent UK Address
(a "care of" address cannot be accepted)
Postcode
Telephone Number
Date of Birth
National Insurance* Number or Pension Number
Tax District and reference (if known)

3. CHECKLIST
Enclosed cheque made payable to INVESCO MIM Management Ltd? ☐
Chosen investment amount? ☐
Completed all personal details including National Insurance/Pension Number? ☐

NOW PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION
I apply for a TAXHAVEN Personal Equity Plan for the current tax year. I confirm that I have read and understood and agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions. I declare that I am aged 18 or over, and I am a resident and ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom ('UK') for tax purposes or non-resident but performing duties which by virtue of section 132 (4) (a) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 are treated as being performed in the UK, and that I HAVE MADE NO OTHER APPLICATION TO SUBSCRIBE TO ANOTHER PERSONAL EQUITY PLAN FOR THE TAX YEAR TO WHICH THIS APPLICATION RELATES.
I authorise INVESCO MIM Management Ltd. to hold my cash subscription, Plan investments, interest, distributions and any other rights or proceeds in respect of these investments and any other cash and to make on my behalf any claims for relief from tax in respect of my Plan investments to the Inland Revenue. I authorise INVESCO MIM Management Ltd. as Plan Manager on my written request to transfer or pay to me, as the case may be, Plan investments, interest, distributions, rights or other proceeds in respect of such investments or cash. I declare that the information given in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I will inform INVESCO MIM Management Ltd. without delay of any change in my circumstances affecting any of the information given on the form.
Please note no interest will be paid on sums held by INVESCO MIM Management Ltd. during the statutory 7 day cooling-off period, pending commencement of the Plan and accordingly you will not receive the benefit of the Client Money Rules governing payment of interest.

Signature ________ Date ________

* Inland Revenue PEP regulations state that we cannot accept this application without your National Insurance number or Pension number. Your National Insurance number can be found on your payslip, your tax return, your tax code notice or from your employer's personnel department.

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ADDRESS ________
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Postcode ________ Tel: (Office) ________
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The Fidelity Income PEP Portfolio lets you enjoy a tax-free quarterly income plus the potential for capital growth. The first £3,000 of any contribution invests in the Fidelity Income Plus unit trust, the remainder in UK companies which have historically provided high and rising dividends.

International

The Fidelity International PEP Portfolio is a convenient way to diversify your PEP to take advantage of overseas growth opportunities. The first £3,000 of any contribution invests in the Fidelity International PEP Trust, the balance in a portfolio of well-known UK companies.

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March 28th is only five days away. To ensure that they reach us in time, you must send your application and cheque immediately. And as an extra bonus you will qualify for our 1% discount. Any questions? Don't hesitate to talk to your Independent Financial Adviser, or Callfree *Fidelity InvestorLine* on 0800 414191. Our lines are open from 9am to 9pm, today and every day.

For information on fees and charges please refer to section 12 below. Past performance is no guarantee of future returns. The value of a PEP and the income from it may go down as well as up and the investor may not get back the amount invested. Tax assumptions are subject to statutory change and the value of tax savings will depend on personal circumstances. Issued by Fidelity Nominees Limited, a member of IMRO.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT HOW YOUR PEP WORKS

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Definitions of Words Used In These Terms and Conditions

"Account Date" means each of the 31st March and the 30th September.

"Dealing Day" means: (i) for investment of contributions, Monday of each week (or for a Phased Plan the first Wednesday in a month) (ii) for the sale of investments on termination/partial withdrawal, Friday of each week or in either (i) or (ii) on the next business day if it is a public holiday.

"Equity Portfolio" means a portfolio of UK Equities and cash established under these Terms and Conditions.

"IMRO" means the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation Limited.

"Income Accrual Periods" means each of the following periods: 6th February to 5th May, 6th May to 5th August, 6th August to 5th November and the 6th November to 5th February.

"Investments" means either Units or UK Equities (or both as the context permits), acquired or held for the Plan.

The "Nominee" means Fidelity Nominees (Shareholdings) Limited. Fidelity Nominees (Shareholdings) Limited is an associate by virtue of being a connected company with the Plan Manager.

"PEP Regulations" means *The Personal Equity Plan Regulations 1989*, as amended or replaced from time to time.

"Phased Plan" means a Plan the contributions to which are invested as near as possible in equal proportions each month over a period of either 6 or 12 months.

"Plan Holder" means an individual who contributes to a Plan.

"Plan Manager" means Fidelity Nominees Limited.

"Plan" means a Personal Equity Plan effected with the Plan Manager subject to these Terms and Conditions.

"UK Equities" means ordinary shares issued by a UK incorporated company, not being an investment trust, which forms part of the FTA All Share Index.

"Units" means units in the unit trust(s) corresponding to the Plan Holder's selection of investment strategy in the application for a Plan.

"Unit Trust Manager" means Fidelity Investment Services Limited (member of IMRO & LAUTRO).

"Unit Trust Portfolio" means a portfolio of Units and cash deposits, established under these Terms and Conditions.

"Year" means a year beginning on 6th April in any year and ending with 5th April in the following year.

In these Terms and Conditions related words and expressions shall be construed accordingly. Headings do not form a part of these Terms and Conditions.

2. General Terms

(a) The Plan Manager is regulated by IMRO in the conduct of its investment business.

(b) The Terms and Conditions apply to all applications to open a Plan during the 1990/91 Year.

(c) The investments shall be beneficially owned by the Plan Holder. The Plan may be managed in common with other investors' plans. The Plan Manager may also consolidate the Plan with other plans which it manages for the Plan Holder.

(d) The investment objective of the Plan Holder shall be either to achieve income or capital growth through UK and/or international equities, as indicated by the Plan Holder in the application.

3. How to Contribute

(a) Unless otherwise permitted by law, the Plan Holder may contribute to only one Personal Equity Plan in any Year.

(b) Contributions to the Plan may be made in such amounts as may be published by the Plan Manager from time to time, however, the total of the net contributions in any Year (that is, the contribution(s) less the initial fee plus VAT thereon) shall not exceed the maximum permitted contributions, as specified in the PEP Regulations.

(c) The first £3,000 of the Plan Holder's net contribution or total net contributions in any Year shall be invested in a Unit Trust Portfolio, with the remainder of the net contribution(s) being invested in an Equity Portfolio. The figure of £3,000 shall be increased each Year to the maximum permitted for investment in unit trusts under the PEP Regulations.

(d) Contributions will be applied to purchase investments (except in respect of a Phased Plan) on the first Dealing Day following the day of acceptance by the Plan Manager of a correctly completed application form and cheque (an application in respect of an initial contribution shall not be accepted until following the expiry of the Cooling-Off Period).

4. How the Phased Plan Works

(a) The Plan Holder's initial contribution to a *Phased Plan* will be held on deposit and applied to purchase investments in the Unit Trust Portfolio and if appropriate also in the Equity Portfolio, on each Dealing Day (beginning with the first such day following acceptance of the Plan Holder's application), as near as possible in equal amounts over the phasing period selected by the Plan Holder in their application. Subsequent contributions will be dealt with in a similar manner over a new phasing period selected by the Plan Holder.

(b) If the Plan Holder elects to receive income distributions (as described in paragraph 10) any distributions made during the phasing period shall not include interest on cash deposits (such interest being reinvested).

(c) A contract note will be sent to the Plan Holder in respect of each (monthly) investment of the contribution.

5. How the Unit Trust Portfolio Works

(a) The Plan Holder's net contribution(s) or where appropriate, that part of the net contribution(s) which is to be invested in a Unit Trust Portfolio shall be invested in units of the Fidelity unit trust corresponding to the investment strategy selected by the Plan Holder in the application for a Plan.

(b) If the Plan Holder does not select an investment strategy in the application for a Plan, then the Plan Holder's net contribution(s) will be invested in a Growth Portfolio which shall consist of units in the Fidelity Special Situations Trust.

(c) Units will be purchased at the offer price determined by the Unit Trust Manager on the day of purchase of the Units, less an amount representing the initial charge levied by the Unit Trust Manager in respect of those Units.

(d) Subject to paragraph 10, the Plan Manager shall have absolute discretion as to the investment of cash received or held for the Unit Trust Portfolio.

6. *How the Equity Portfolio Works*

(a) The Plan Holder may only select the investment strategy for the Equity Portfolio which corresponds to the Plan Holder's choice of Unit Trust Portfolio and, if the Plan Holder fails to make or makes an inappropriate selection, then the investment objective shall be deemed to be that which corresponds with the Unit Trust Portfolio.

(b) The only investments which may be held within the Equity Portfolio are UK Equities and deposits with a bank or building society. Otherwise the Plan Manager shall have absolute discretion as to the types of UK Equities which may be held within the Equity Portfolio, or the amount or proportion of any particular UK Equities which are to be held.

(c) The Plan Holder may not be committed to underwrite shares, however, the Plan may include UK Equities underwritten by the Plan Manager or an associate thereof.

(d) Subject to the rules of IMRO, the Plan Manager may aggregate transactions with those of other customers. The Plan Manager or its associated companies may also act as principal in buying or selling UK Equities or may instruct a stockbroker, which may be an associate of Fidelity, to do the same and the Plan Manager or any such associated companies may retain for their own account all commissions, profits, discounts, mark-ups and mark-downs which they receive.

(e) Subject to paragraph 10, the Plan Manager shall have absolute discretion as to the investment of cash received or held for the Equity Portfolio.

7. How Cash is Held

(a) Cash balances, accrued income (if any) and interest shall be deposited with Barclays Bank PLC in an interest-bearing client account in the name of the Plan Manager.

(b) The Plan Manager does not accept liability for default by any bank or building society which holds cash which forms a part of the Plan.

(c) The Plan Manager may not borrow on behalf of the Plan Holder or commit the Plan Holder to pay further sums of money into the Plan.

8. How Investments are Held

(a) Investments held within the Plan shall be registered in the name of the Nominee. The Plan Manager shall be the custodian of documents of title to those investments.

(b) Documents of title to investments may not be lent to a third party and neither the Plan Manager nor the Plan Holder may borrow money against the security of those investments.

(c) The Plan Holder may elect by notice in writing to the Plan Manager, to receive annual reports and accounts, shareholder/unitholder meeting documentation and other information published in respect of shares or units held within the Plan. The Plan Holder may elect to attend or to vote at meetings. The Plan Manager may at its discretion levy a charge for supplying that information or documentation (currently £20 for each set of documents relating to a meeting or arranging for the Plan Holder to vote, and the expenses levied by companies in respect of copies of their annual reports).

(d) Voting rights shall be exercisable at the sole discretion of the Plan Manager (unless the Plan Holder has made the election referred to above).

9. How Tax is Reclaimed

The Plan Manager shall make all necessary claims in respect of tax credits or tax deductions relating to investments or any dividends arising therefrom. Claims may be made by the Plan Manager at such times and in such manner as the Plan Manager considers to be appropriate.

10. Paying Income Distributions

(a) The Plan Holder who has chosen in the application the Income PEP Strategy, will receive distributions of income (and reclaimed tax) arising to investments. Distributions may, however, be reinvested at the discretion of the Plan Manager or withheld to satisfy fees or charges which become due, or in payment of any tax which is believed will be payable.

(b) Income received during an Income Accrual Period shall be accrued and paid by sterling cheque to the Plan Holder within fourteen days of the end of the Income Accrual Period; *however, the Plan Manager may withhold any payment of income and accrue that income if the* amount of income available for distribution would not exceed £15, or if the Plan Manager has not received written notification of the Plan Holder's current UK address. Cheques will not be made payable to any third party.

(c) *Payment of income distributions shall cease on termination of the Plan.*

11. Documents You Will Receive

(a) A contract note will be sent to the Plan Holder providing details of the investment of the Plan Holder's contributions.

(b) The Plan Manager shall send to the Plan Holder half-yearly statements compiled as at 5th April and 5th October each year. Each statement shall include details of the investments held within the Plan, any dividends and reclaimed tax received, details of all transactions during the preceding half-year, and a valuation of the Plan. No measure of performance will be included in these half-yearly statements.

(c) *The Plan Manager may produce a consolidated half-yearly statement, in respect of all plans managed for the Plan Holder.*

12. How Much You Pay in Fees and Charges

(a) The Plan Manager shall make the following charges:

(i) A fee of 5.25% of the total amount of the contribution or contributions made to the Plan plus VAT thereon (the "Initial Fee"), payable on receipt of each contribution.

(ii) *In relation to the Equity Portfolio, the Plan Manager shall deduct and retain a fee of 1.5%* per annum of the value of the cash and investments held within the Equity Portfolio plus VAT (the "Discretionary Management Fee"), calculated and payable twice yearly in arrears on each Account Date.

(b) The Units which are held within the Unit Trust Portfolio are also subject to a periodic charge, which is deducted by the Unit Trust Manager from the unit trust.

(c) The Plan Manager may deduct, in respect of each purchase or sale of a UK Equity effected *for the Plan (including sales pursuant to a partial withdrawal or termination)*, a handling charge currently at a rate of 0.2% of the value of each transaction and any other commissions, charges, levies or taxes incurred in respect of such transactions.

(d) The Plan Manager shall be entitled to introduce an administration fee in respect of the Plan, on giving not less than three months' written notice to the Plan Holder. Furthermore the Plan Manager may increase the amount or rate of the handling charge, the Discretionary Management Fee or any administration fee, on giving not less than three months' written *notice to the Plan Holder.*

(e) In respect of amounts contributed to or withdrawn from the Plan prior to an Account Date (including by way of termination), fees shall be calculated on a pro rata basis (in respect of termination on death, to the date of payment of proceeds to the Plan Holder's personal representatives).

(f) The Plan Manager may apply any cash (including interest, dividends, tax credit and tax deduction payments) or sell any investment in payment of any fees due to the Plan Manager, or in payment of any tax believed to be payable in respect of the Plan.

13. How to Make Withdrawals and Transfers

(a) The Plan Holder may by written notice to the Plan Manager withdraw any amount of money from the Plan so long as the amount withdrawn exceeds £1,000 and the value of investments and cash remaining within the Plan (excluding income to be distributed to the Plan Holder) is not less than £1,000. Instructions which would result in the Plan value falling below £1,000 will be treated as a termination of the Plan.

(b) The Plan Manager shall decide, at its absolute discretion, the investments to be sold and the amount of accrued income (if any) which is to be applied in order to satisfy any withdrawal instructions. Payment of amounts due to the *Plan Holder will be made within* [illegible] *business days* of receipt of proceeds of the sale of the investments.

(c) The Plan Holder may, by written notice require the Plan Manager to transfer the whole *(but not part) of the Plan to another plan manager approved under the PEP Regulations.* The date of transfer must be agreed by the Plan Manager.

14. Closing Your Plan

(a) The Plan may be terminated by the Plan Holder or Plan Manager giving notice in writing to the other to take effect respectively, immediately on receipt or on a date being not less than three months' after the date of the notice.

(b) Termination shall be without prejudice to the completion of transactions already initiated by the Plan Manager.

(c) On termination, no additional payment will be required to be made to the Plan Manager; *however the Plan Manager shall receive: (i) all sums due to it under these Terms and* Conditions, and (ii) any additional expenses which it necessarily incurs in terminating the Plan including all expenses of the sale or transfer of investments, and (iii) any losses necessarily incurred in settling or concluding outstanding obligations, and the Plan Manager may also retain amounts, if any, representing tax which is or may become payable in respect of the Plan.

(d) The Plan shall terminate immediately upon the receipt by the Plan Manager of written notice of the death of the Plan Holder. Notwithstanding termination, the Plan Manager shall, on receipt of a copy of the death certificate, sell all of the investments and hold the proceeds and other cash on deposit. The Plan Manager may continue to accrue and deduct the Discretionary Management Fee and any administration fee based on the value of the cash deposits held. *The cash shall be transferred to the deceased Plan Holder's personal* representative(s) after the deduction of any amounts due to the Plan Manager under these Terms and Conditions and after the personal representative(s) have satisfied all liabilities of the Plan Manager. These Terms and Conditions shall bind the Plan Holder's personal representative(s).

15. How to Give Instructions/Notice

(a) *Any instruction or notice served by the Plan Holder on the Plan Manager shall be in* writing and signed by the Plan Holder, or if the Plan Holder is deceased, by the personal representative(s).

(b) *The Plan Manager may at its discretion accept and act upon (or reject) any notice or* written instruction purportedly given by the Plan Holder or by the personal representative(s).

(c) Any instruction shall be deemed as between the Plan Manager and Plan Holder to have been validly given by or on behalf of the Plan Holder notwithstanding that the same shall not in fact be the case, as the result of fraud or wrongdoing on the part of any person (other than the Plan Manager, or any of its employees or agents).

16. Liability

The Plan Manager shall not be liable for any losses suffered by the Plan Holder through a fall in the value of investments, arising from the exercise by the Plan Manager, in good faith, of its discretion in managing the investments or from changes in market conditions. The Plan Holder and the Plan Holder's personal representative(s) shall indemnify the Plan Manager and the Nominee against all proceedings, actions, costs, claims or demands and any other liabilities whatsoever (including any demands or claims by the Inland Revenue) incurred by the Plan Manager or the Nominee in connection with the Plan, unless the same arises by virtue of negligence, wilful default, or by breach of the rules of IMRO or of these Terms and Conditions by the Plan Manager or the Nominee or their servants or agents.

17. PEP Regulations

The Plan will be managed in accordance with the PEP regulations. The Plan Manager shall notify the Plan Holder if by reason of any failure to satisfy the provisions of the PEP Regulations, the Plan has or will become void for tax purposes and the Plan shall terminate forthwith upon the occurrence of such an event.

18. Cooling-Off Your Plan

(a) The application to open a Plan will not be accepted by the Plan Manager before the seventh day following the day of its receipt by the Plan Manager (the period prior to that seventh day being referred to as the "Cooling-Off Period"). During the Cooling-Off Period the applicant may withdraw the application, by returning to the Plan Manager the cancellation notice.

(b) During the Cooling-Off Period the Plan Manager shall not seek to obtain value in respect *of any cheque or equivalent instrument provided by the Plan Holder by way of payment of the* contribution to the Plan.

(c) The Plan Manager will accept the application immediately following the expiry of the Cooling-Off Period and may disregard any cancellation notice received after the expiry of the Cooling-Off Period, irrespective of the date that the notice was despatched by the applicant.

(d) The Plan Holder shall have no other rights of cancellation under the Financial Services (Cancellation) Rules 1989.

19. Changing the Terms and Conditions

The Plan Manager may amend these Terms and Conditions by written notice to the Plan Holder, subject only to the restrictions in the PEP Regulations and the rules of IMRO in particular (but without limiting the above) the Plan Manager may alter Income Accrual Periods, Account Dates and the Dealing Day.

20. Assignment

The Plan Manager may appoint another company (which shall be a member of its own group of companies and approved to act as a plan manager under the PEP Regulations) as plan manager in its place under these Terms and Conditions.

21. If You Have Any Complaints

The Plan Holder may obtain from the Plan Manager a description of its complaints procedures and rights to compensation should it be unable to meet its liabilities. The Plan Holder may also complain to the Investment Referee, details of whom are available from IMRO (or from the Plan Manager).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNIT TRUSTS

Fidelity Income Plus: Estimated gross annual yield 6.79%, Price spread 6.79%, Max. price spread 8.13%. Annual Management Charge (maximum) 1% (2%).

Fidelity Special Situations Trust: Estimated gross annual yield 0%, Price spread 6.75%, Max. price spread 9.12%. Annual Management Charge (maximum) 1.5% (2%).

Fidelity International PEP Trust: Estimated gross annual yield 0%, Price spread 6.4%, Max. price spread 7.61%. Annual Management Charge (maximum) 1.5% (2%).

All figures as at 12/3/91.

The price spread represents the difference between the bid and offer price of the units on 12.3.91 as a percentage of the offer price. The maximum spread represents the maximum permitted difference.

Unit prices published daily in the Financial Times. All trusts operate on a forward pricing basis. Copies of the trusts' Scheme Particulars are available (free) from Fidelity.

Investment Objectives

Fidelity Income Plus: to produce income through investment primarily in shares and convertibles in the UK and Europe.

Fidelity Special Situations Trust: to achieve capital growth through investment primarily in the UK in companies considered to be "special situations".

Fidelity International PEP Trust: to achieve capital growth through investment primarily in equities in the UK and overseas.

Trustees of above trusts: Chase Manhattan Trustees Limited.

Not less than 50% of investments held will consist of shares in UK companies.

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Cancellation Notice

If you wish to cancel your application please complete and return this notice to Fidelity Nominees Limited at the above address.

Surname/Title
First Name(s)
Address
Postcode
Telephone
SIGNATURE ________ DATE ________

HERE'S HOW TO APPLY

To: Fidelity Nominees Limited, PO Box 80, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9DZ.

To help you complete this application form, please see the Application Checklist below. Please use BLOCK CAPITALS throughout. It may be necessary to return your application to you unprocessed unless all required information is provided. You will have the right to withdraw your application for a plan within 7 days of its receipt by Fidelity, in accordance with the terms described in this advertisement.

Personal Details

Surname
First Name(s)
Title Mr/Mrs/Miss etc.
Address
Postcode
Telephone No.
National Insurance No.
Retirement Pension No.
Tax District and Reference
Date of Birth (Applicants must be 18 or over)
Fidelity Account Number (if known)

Contribution Options

You may choose to invest your contribution all at once (lump sum) or through our Phased Investment Programme. Choose one option only and tick only one contribution amount. *For phased investment* please indicate phasing period.

All cheque amounts include charges and VAT. Cheques should be made payable to Fidelity Nominees Limited and must be for the amount stated in brackets.

LUMP SUM

Contribution Amount

£1,500 (Cheque amount £1,573.31) ☐
£3,000 (Cheque amount £3,146.62) ☐
£6,000 (Cheque amount £6,293.25) ☐

PHASED INVESTMENT

Contribution Amount

£3,000 (Cheque amount £3,146.62) ☐
£6,000 (Cheque amount £6,293.25) ☐

Phasing Period 6 months ☐ 12 months ☐

I would like to receive copies of the *Managers'* Reports, free of charge, for the unit trust in which my PEP invests. ☐

I would like to receive the annual report and accounts of each company whose shares are held within the Equity Portfolio of my PEP, at the time of publication of the same and I acknowledge that Fidelity may charge me a fee for doing so. ☐

Investment Options

You can select only ONE PEP strategy each tax year.

GROWTH PEP STRATEGY ☐
INCOME PEP STRATEGY (with quarterly income) ☐
INTERNATIONAL PEP STRATEGY ☐

Application Checklist

1. Please complete all personal details, including National Insurance number or, if retired, your Retirement Pension number. This is a legal requirement, and your application cannot be processed without it, unless you are a married woman who has not worked for the past 20 years who does not have a National Insurance number. In this case, please send a signed letter with your application to confirm this situation.
2. Please choose which *PEP Portfolio* you prefer, and insert the contribution amount for either the lump sum or the phased investment option.
3. Your cheque should be made payable to Fidelity Nominees Limited for the cheque amount indicated in brackets – no other amounts will be accepted.
4. If you and your partner are both investing, you will each need to complete a separate application form and forward separate cheques.

Declaration

i I declare that I am:- (a) aged 18 years or over, and
(b) resident and ordinarily resident in the UK for tax purposes; or
(c) non-resident but performing duties which are treated by virtue of section 132(4)(a) of the Taxes Act (Crown employees serving overseas) as being performed in the UK.

ii I declare that I have not subscribed to any other PEP for the 1990/91 tax year.

iii I confirm that I have read and agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions applying to the 1990/91 Fidelity Personal Equity Plan as set out in this advertisement and subject thereto.

I hereby authorise Fidelity: (a) to hold my cash subscription, Plan investments, interest, dividends and any other rights or proceeds in respect of those investments and any other cash; and
(b) to make on my behalf any claims to relief from tax in respect of my Plan investments and to reinvest any such amounts reclaimed on my behalf in my Plan, and
(c) insofar as it is permitted under the Terms and Conditions to transfer or pay to me as the case may be, Plan investments, interest, dividends, rights or other proceeds in respect of those investments or any cash.

iv I declare that the information given in this application form is correct and I will notify Fidelity immediately of any changes in the information contained herein.

SIGNATURE ________ DATE ________

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After the first thirty days you can withdraw any sum you like on demand, subject to the loss of an amount equivalent to just 30 days interest on the money you withdraw. You can also add to your investment whenever you like.

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LETTERS

Charge for Eurocheque

From Mr Jonathan Frank

Sir, Further to your articles on bank charges, the following tale may be of interest. I hold a student account with Lloyds, and last May I applied for a Eurocheque card, intending to hold it until the end of the year, since the literature said that the first year's fee would be waived, and I thought it might be useful during the summer. I received, however, a card valid until the end of 1991, and this January found a charge of £7 on my statement, detailed as "Eurocheque Card fee".

On querying this with Lloyds, I was told that 1991 did not count as the "first year", and I have to pay the £7 fee, even though I no longer have any use for the card.

This is not even a quirk of my bank manager, since I know of at least one other student who *has* had exactly the same problem at a different branch.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN FRANK,
5 Star Hill,
Edgbaston,
Birmingham.

Taxing reform

From Mrs Joy Williams

Sir, It was with great interest I read the article on children paying tax. One statement I would like to question: "Every household received an explanatory leaflet in January." Well, we did not. No one I know received one either.

I have a small daughter with various savings accounts and was determined to take advantage of this reform. Only in the past couple of weeks has it proved possible to track down the necessary forms.

May I suggest that low take-up of the scheme is due to the difficulty in obtaining the forms and the fact that the advertising does not give a date that would imply urgency in doing something.

Yours faithfully,
JOY WILLIAMS,
20 Victoria Park,
Fishponds, Bristol.

● Letters are welcomed, but *The Times* regrets it cannot give individual replies or advice. No legal responsibility can be accepted for advice or statements in these columns and independent professional advice should be sought.

Customers pay the banks' way

From Mr S.C.P. Griffith

Sir, I must congratulate you on your article and comment (Weekend Money, March 16) regarding banking practice.

In January this year I received a letter from my bank saying that they had debited my account with £267, this being the shortfall in charges collected on my business account with them. Naturally I queried this with the bank and they informed me that it cost them £800 to run my account each year and they found that up to September 1990 they had only collected £533.

I pointed out to them that they collected my charges each quarter and that they should have collected them at these intervals and not four months later in one lump sum.

If I, as a retailer, sold them some food this week and came to them next week and told them I had charged them wrongly they would tell me to get lost. The bank manager agreed but said he would add it on to the next bill instead. So much for banking ethics.

Yours sincerely,
S.C.P. GRIFFITH,
Frondderw,
Llyngwril, Gwynedd.

From Mr H.A. Vos

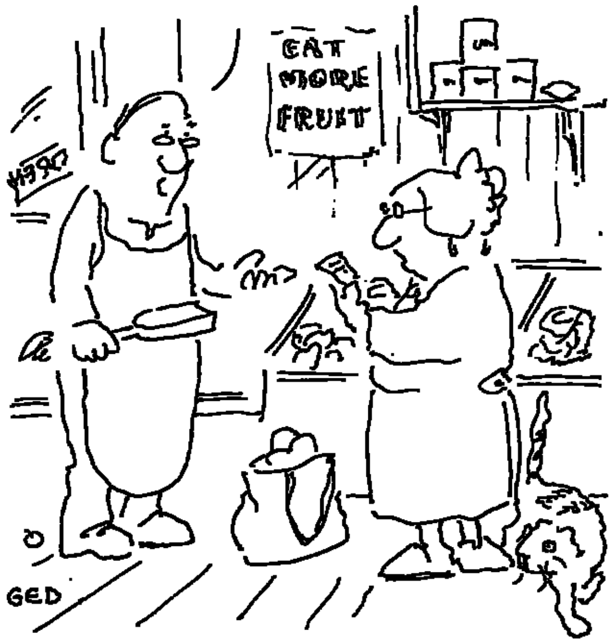
Sir, Having read with interest the article under the heading "Comment" by Lindsay Cook, (Weekend Money, March 16) I felt a counter comment may not be out of place to her reference that banks say that "...current account customers pay nothing for the service and receive interest into the bargain". Apparently, the Weekend Money editor has been taken in by the banks, as I am sure they intend of their customers, by this popular misconception.

The banks do, of course, earn a great deal of their income by the interest they charge on loans. However, much of those loans are financed by their customers' deposits, including vast amounts in current account on which the banks pay far less interest (sometimes, nil) than the rates they charge on their loans.

Current account customers really should wake up to the fact that their deposits are not free and never have been — they used to be interest-free loans to the banks, but are now low-interest bearing loans, from which the banks are doing very nicely thank you!

Yours faithfully,
H.A. VOS,
Midge's Pie,
24a Pembroke Road,
Moor Park,
Northwood, Middlesex.

I undercharged for last year's new potatoes so I've added it to this week's bill.



Sale percentage should suffice for credit card companies

From Mr Laurence Urdang

Sir, The percentage of sale collected by credit card companies from retailers ought to be sufficient to cover the annual fee they have recently begun to charge. In return for this percentage, the credit card companies guarantee the retailer immediate payment, provided that certain conditions have been met.

While a fee might be reasonable at the initial processing of an application, it is unwarranted as a sustained monthly charge. If the card user asks for an extension of credit beyond the stipulated grace period, payment of a reasonable percentage for that service, effectively a loan, is certainly justified.

Undoubtedly, many businesses might not even exist today — especially mail-order firms functioning in national or international markets — were it not for credit cards. There is no confuting that telephone orders and, particularly, impulse buying have been spurred by credit cards. Studies would show that credit cards have been responsible for the burgeoning of entire consumer economies in many countries since their introduction in 1949 and in the UK over the past decade.

The two chief problems with credit cards are their indiscriminate distribution and their indiscriminate use: it does not seem unreasonable to limit each user to one card with each company (I hold, eg, two Visa cards). Indiscriminate use could be curbed both by a lower credit limit on each card and by ensuring the user's continued ability to pay. (These comments apply, of course, to personal credit cards, not to those issued by employers to staff).

Yours faithfully,
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Life's interests for sale

By SARA McCONNELL

THE sale of assets at auction is becoming increasingly popular. In the past year there has been a marked rise in the number of trust beneficiaries and owners of life assurance selling their interest to raise money, either under the hammer or through a dealer in second-hand policies and businesses.

Policyholders may choose to sell an endowment policy, rather than surrender it, for a number of reasons. Samuel Alexander, director of Policy Portfolio, which buys and sells life contracts, said: "People find they cannot afford the premiums and want to have extra cash. Maybe they are going through a divorce, maybe they are emigrating. Over half of all policies sold are surrendered."

Weston: raising money

HE Foster Cranfield, the auctioneer, specialises in the sale of life policies and regularly sells interests in property held in trust. On offer at this week's auction in London was a property held in trust for a beneficiary whose mother was living there as a life tenant.

Bill Weston, a partner, said: "If the father leaves the property to the children in his will, with his wife living in the property as life tenant and one of the children needs money, they can sell the interest in the property. The life tenant does not own the property and it is not the occupier who is benefiting." He added that the interest in the property, which had been valued at £210,000, would probably fetch about £80,000 to £90,000. The purchaser would not be liable for inheritance tax, as estate duty had already been paid.

Endowment policies that have run at least a quarter of their term and have collected yearly bonuses, fetch on average between 10 and 15 per cent more than their surrender value if sold rather than cashed. At this week's sale policies went for up to 34 per cent more.

Policies can either be sold at auction or to an agent. David Beale, director of Beale Dobie, which makes a market in endowment policies as investments, said: "There are a huge number of people surrendering policies although it is hard to get exact figures. I would estimate that £1.5 billion came from surrenders this year, compared with £900 million two years ago."

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£5,000 – £9,999	Annually	12.75%	9.56%
PREMIUM INCOME ACCOUNT (Monthly income account)			
£25,000+	Monthly	13.25%	9.94%
£10,000 – £24,999	Monthly	12.75%	9.56%
£5,000 – £9,999	Monthly	12.25%	9.19%
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£30,000+	Monthly	11.52%	8.64%
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£10,000 – £29,999	Monthly	11.07%	8.30%
£5,000 – £9,999	Annually	11.40%	8.55%
£5,000 – £9,999	Monthly	10.84%	8.13%
£500 – £4,999	Annually	10.65%	7.99%
£2,000 – £4,999	Monthly	10.16%	7.62%
£1 – £499	Annually	8.15%	6.11%
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Credit firms may pay for debt service

By Liz Dolan

MORE than half a million families in Britain are in serious debt, and the figure is rising fast in the wake of the recession and the continuing increase in unemployment.

The deepening debt problem has given rise to an initiative to try and curb its worst effects. Companies who grant credit are being asked to *contribute towards* a new scheme to help people who overborrowed in the boom years of the Eighties and do not know how to get out of the resulting difficulty.

Over the next few months, all credit granters will be asked to contribute £10 for every £1 million on their loan books in each of the next three years to help fund nationwide debt counselling initiatives.

The request for aid, which is expected to raise £3 million a year for the next three years, comes from the Money Advice Trust, set up last September in response to a recommendation by the Ezra working party on money advice, which reported in 1989.

Trustees include representatives from the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, the National Consumer Council and Marks and Spencer.

The trust is chaired by Sir George Blunden, the former deputy governor of the Bank of England. Sir George said this week that he would have no sympathy with credit granters who refused to take responsibility for the problem.

He said: "Inevitably there are many borrowers who have been granted credit which should have been refused. Many lenders of course will never admit to ever having made a bad loan. But others are more honest.

"Responsibility for many of the problems with which money advisers struggle must fall on the lending institutions because of their own bad lending."

The trust does not propose to fund individual counselling services. Instead, it will finance services like the regional money advice support units backed by the Citizens Advice Bureaux.

Telephone hotlines for debt counsellors are another possible area of support.

The trust was established with the temporary financial backing of the Regency Trust, a non-profit making organisation which registers county court judgments.

Malcolm Hurlston, of the Regency Trust, said: "We set it up because nothing seemed to be happening in the wake of the Ezra Report. It was a very good, well-received report, but no one seemed to be putting its recommendations into practice."

The trust plans to shame lenders that are unwilling to contribute by publishing a list of companies that do pay up.

Halifax lifts Tessa

By Sara McConnell

THE Halifax has increased the rates on its tax exempt special savings account (Tessa) despite the three half-point base rate cuts in the last month.

The new gross rate for the largest society's Tessa account, of which there are 270,000 holders, is 14 per cent, up from 13.5 per cent. "We are hoping to encourage people by showing tht we can increase the rate even when base rates are being cut."

Anniversary and lump sum bonuses are fixed for five years and paid on each anniversary, from 1.5 per cent in the first year to 0.25 per cent in the fifth year. Savers receive another lump sum bonus of £100 if they invest the maximum every year for five years.

Other rates on the 90-Day Xtra account, the Instant Xtra Plus Account, the Paid Share and the Maxim are cut by 0.85 per cent from today.

Other banks and building societies are continuing to cut their rates on savings accounts, although only a handful have cut Tessa rates.

The Cheltenham & Gloucester has cut rates on all its savings accounts by 1 per cent, but is keeping its Maxi Tessa rate at 15.33 per cent until July 1.

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c: Typical	3.00	3.04	2.43	none/none	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	8.81	8.81	7.05	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	8.77	8.77	7.02	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	8.15	8.15	6.52	2,500-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	7.73	7.73	6.18	2,500-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	8.53	8.53	6.82	10,000-no max	1 mth	071-260 2805
" " "	8.02	8.02	6.42	10,000-no max	3 mth	071-260 2805
NatWest	8.34	8.34	6.67	10,000-24,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	8.25	8.25	6.60	10,000-24,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	9.16	9.58	7.85	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	8.11	8.36	6.69	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	5.40	5.60	4.48	2,500‡	none	071 626 6543
Girobank	6.98	6.98	5.58	1,000‡	none	051 966 2076
Lloyds HICA	4.13	4.20	3.35	500‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	8.06	8.21	6.57	2,000‡	none	—
NatWest Special Reserve	7.36	7.58	6.06	500‡	none	071-374 3374
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	8.40	8.67	6.94	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	7.01	7.01	5.61	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	6.15	6.15	4.92	1 min	none	—
Best buy — largest socs:						
Britannia	9.15	9.15	7.32	250 min	none	—
Portman	9.86	9.86	7.89	500 min	none	—
Cheltenham & Gl	10.28	10.28	8.22	2,500 min	none	—
West Bromwich	10.85	10.85	8.68	2,000 min	90 day	—
Bristol & West	12.00	12.00	9.60	25,000 min	1 year	—
Best buy — all socs:						
Cheltenham & Gl	10.28	10.28	8.22	2,500 min	none	—
Lancastrian	10.54	10.54	8.43	10,000 min	30 day	—
Lambeth	10.00	10.25	8.20	250 min	90 day	—
The Standard	10.80	10.88	8.70	5,000 min	90 day	—
Lambeth	10.25	10.51	8.41	250 min	6 mths	—
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Halifax Card Cash	5.53	5.71	4.57	25 min		Rates rise
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Deposit Bond*□	13.50	10.13	8.10		3 mth	041-649-4555
35th Issue Cert[2]†	9.50	9.50	9.50	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	9.50	9.50	9.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
Capital Bond	13.00	9.75	7.80	100-100,000	5 yrs	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Hambro Guardian	9.75	9.75	8.29	5,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Financial Ass.	9.60	9.60	8.16	5,000 min	2 yrs	for details
Financial Ass.	10.00	10.00	8.50	10,000 min	3 yrs	for details
Financial Ass.	10.00	10.00	8.50	10,000 min	3 yrs	for details
Consolidated Life	9.30	9.30	7.91	5,000 min	4 yrs	Chase de

		Holiday rates	£ buys
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Bank Base Rate	13.0%	French Francs:	9.71
Personal Loan	24.9%	Greek Drachmas:	304.00
Credit Card	19.5-31%	Italian Lire:	2125.00

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BANKS				
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9	Enterprise	Oil,Gas	
10	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
11	Anglia Sec	Building,Roads	
12	Tootal	Textiles	
13	Goring Kerr	Industrials E-K	
14	First Nat Fin	Banks,Discount	
15	Hutchsn Whampoa	Industrials E-K	
16	McCarthy & S	Building,Roads	
17	Scot TV	Leisure	
18	Burmah Castrol	Oil,Gas	
19	Br Airways	Transport	
20	Eurotherm	Electricals	
21	Microgen	Electricals	
22	Barlow Rand	Industrials A-D	
23	Multitone Elect	Electricals	
24	Wolvrhmptn & D	Breweries	
25	Sharpe & Fisher	Building,Roads	
26	Grovewood Sec	Industrials E-K	
27	Meyer Int	Building,Roads	
28	King & Shaxson	Banks,Discount	
29	Lamont	Textiles	
30	TNT	Transport	
31	Owners Abroad	Leisure	
32	Capital Radio	Leisure	
33	Strong & Fisher	Shoes, Leather	
34	Grainger	Property	
35	Johnstone Press	Newspapers,Pub	
36	ERA Gp	Drapery,Stores	
37	Chamberlin & Hill	Industrials A-D	
38	Portals	Industrials L-R	
39	Br Mohair	Textiles	
40	Friendly Hotels	Hotels,Caterers	
41	Wilding Office	Drapery,Stores	
42	Booth Inds	Industrials A-D	
43	Bridon	Industrials A-D	
44	Molins	Industrials L-R	
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Weekly Dividend						
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in today's newspaper.						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

There were no valid claims for the Portfolio Platinum competition yesterday. The £2,000 prize will be added to Monday's competition.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Sellers dominate

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began March 11. Dealings end March 28. §Contango day April 2. Settlement day April 8.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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WEEKLY DIVIDEND
£4,000

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1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
51	24	Rea Bros	42	47	–	0.7	1.6	21.5
224	119	Ryl Bk Scot	192	195	-1	11.2	5.8	9.1
902	613	Schroders	825	850	–	18.7	2.2	10.7
615	205	Stand Chart	385	390	+2	28.7	6.9	29.8
165	114	TSB	151	153●	-3	8.5	5.6	12.5
611	489	Union Disc	577	585	-1	48.7	8.0	22.5
525	284	Warburg SG	435	440	-11	20.0	4.6	7.6
179	50	Do 6% 'A'	145	148●	-3	8.0	5.4	–
50¼	21¾	Wells Fargo	40⅞		-1	–	–	–
279	128	Westpac	171	175	+1	–	–	–
420	288	Wintrust	345	355●	–	11.9	3.4	9.5

BREWERIES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
575	408	Allied-Lyons	517	520	-8	23.4	4.5	10.9
11¼	8⅝	Bass	9⅞	10	-⅛	43.2	4.3	10.1
170	124	Boddington	141	144	-1	7.2	5.0	15.0
244	161	Bulmer (H P)	240	245	+8	10.6	4.4	18.2
227	105	Burtonwood Brew	133	143	..	5.3	3.8	12.8
410	290	Clark (Matthew)	398	402●	+1	18.0	4.5	13.8
206	115	Devenish (JA)	180	184	-1	7.1	4.4	11.9
115	48	Fosters Brewing Gp	53	55	–			
802	521	Grand Met	770	773●	-8	27.2	3.5	13.9
369	274	Greenall Wht	337	344	+1	13.3	3.9	13.1
434	313	Greene King	415	425	+1	13.6	3.2	15.0
889	688	Guinness	874	877	-5	25.0	2.9	13.8
980	870½	Hardys & Hansons	970	985	–	44.7	4.6	12.0
279	182	Highland Dist	255	263	+4	6.4	2.5	18.7
183	120	Invergordon Dist	155	180	+8	6.7	4.2	14.0
480	375	Macallan	450	460	–	15.3	3.4	11.8
222	180	Marston Thompson	208	211	+1½	5.8	2.7	17.0
300	240	Morland	280	305	–	8.8	2.9	14.4
815	483	SA Breweries	795	810	+15	–	–	–
409	278	Scot & New	370	374	-7	18.2	4.9	13.4
329	174	Vaux Group	227	230	-2	11.7	5.1	11.8
510	380	Whitbread 'A'	472	475	+7	20.4	4.3	13.2
14¼	11¾	Do 'B'	13	13¼	–	20.4	1.5	37.3
485	339	Wolvrhmptn & D	480	490	+5	12.4	2.5	18.7
495	389	Young 'A'	435	450	–	16.0	3.6	21.9

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If it is one of his good days Britain may have the world cross country champion

Martin must destroy a myth

From DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, ANTWERP

WHICH Eamonn Martin will stand up tomorrow? The one who flops, or the one who makes us believe that here, at last, is another David Bedford, another Brendan Foster, another Ian Stewart. The one who makes us trust him, and quote him, when he tells us he is ready to do damage, or the one who drives British Milers' Club News to say: "The man is overrated."

Sometimes you wonder if there are two Eamonn Martins; one the British record holder and Commonwealth champion at 10,000 metres, the other, the one who finished 43rd and 93rd in the world cross country, thirteenth in the European championship 5,000 metres and who did not finish at all in the Seoul Olympic 10,000 metres. Top dog one day, dog-tired the next.

Both Eamonn Martins have been running this winter, but sightings of the former have been much more frequent. He has a 2-0 season's lead over John Ngugi and, since Ngugi has been champion four times, Martin has to be a contender for the world cross country title here in Belgium this weekend.

"I am one of the few Europeans who can probably get amongst it and that is my intention," Martin said. If he is less dogmatic than usual that is because the world cross country has, in his estimation, become the hardest title in athletics to win.

The event has filled out from bantamweight to heavyweight in 10 years. "It takes in runners with 1,500 metres capability right the way through to the marathon, including the steeplechasers," Martin said.

At least, being annual, there are four cross country championships to every Olympics. On the other hand, each one brings with it nine Kenyans, nine Ethiopians and nine Moroccans. That means a depth of African talent denied to any Olympic or world championship race.

The Africans are like the Leatherhead Lips of the FA Cup, the Tim Buzaglos: a new name pops up unannounced every year to help their team to victory. Martin will respect them all, but fear none. "I would like to finish, feeling I have done myself justice. Winning, or being in the medals, would do that."

Martin's less assertive stance should please those who suggested in British Milers' Club News that press interest in him was out of proportion to his ability because his coach enjoyed the company of journalists. "Gullible British reporters" were accused of being "regaled by tales of wonderful potential."

That potential took Martin to the fastest five miles on record three weeks ago, usurping Alberto Salazar's mark and leaving the resurgent Dave Lewis 43 seconds behind. "What pleased me was not that I had set a world best, but that I had taken the race by the scruff of the neck," Martin said. "In Antwerp, I have got to get involved early on. I can't run from deep."

Aged 32, he possesses, still, a devastating finish: his sprint to victory at the Durham cross country in December was reminiscent of his 25.8sec last 200 metres in the Commonwealth Games 14 months ago and his 56.4 last lap to set a British 10,000 metres record in 1988.

All season, he has suffered only one blemish, his sixth place in Amorebieta. "The improvement curve is still going up, but why that should be is interesting," he said. Time out, basically.

"I was an outstanding schoolboy but not an outstanding junior because I deflected my thoughts to a career. I had four or five years when I didn't run myself into the ground." Putting car engines before his own proved a smart move. His employers at Ford in Dunton, Essex, are generous with time off.

This is his busy time of year. The London Marathon cometh. "This is a catchment area for the marathon and people at work turn to me for advice. Sometimes advice is more than 50 per cent of my day."

Advice he does not have to give but Martin has Peter Elliott-like qualities: down-to-earth, unaffected by his success. His sport is still a hobby. "I look forward to every session. Training on club night is a night out."

At home in Laindon, Basildon, he leaves an extra five minutes to collect his newspapers so he has time for politeness but not for fancy training trips to altitude. "There is a lot of talk about altitude being the only way to success, but when I broke the British record I didn't get beyond the borders of Basildon." Laindon Hills — "the highest point in Essex" — were good enough.

Retirement has not entered his head. "I am looking at running the marathon in the '96 Olympics." Which, given that he won the English Schools junior cross country in 1973, would take him to almost a quarter-of-a-century of championship running.

His first victory came on March 24. Tomorrow is March 24. Happy anniversary? That will depend on which Eamonn Martin turns up here.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Enigma from Essex: Martin may be heading for the highest point in a career of as many troughs as peaks

McColgan ready to break duck

ANTWERP — Liz McColgan returns to international championship competition tomorrow after a 14-month absence, confident that she can win the world cross-country title for the first time (David Powell writes). McColgan, who has not appeared in this event since 1987, has been back in training for only four months after giving birth to her first child.

"I'm mentally and physically ready," McColgan said. Since winning the Commonwealth 10,000 metres in January last year, she has been missing from three championships: last year's world cross-country, the European championships and the world indoor championships.

Selected for the world indoors, held a fortnight ago, McColgan withdrew because she felt vulnerable at 3,000 metres on her high mileage training. The 6,300 metres here is closer to her distance.

McColgan is the best bet to prevent Lynn Jennings, of the United States, from retaining her title.

Andrea Wallace, only a year in the international ranks but now greatly experienced, is among those with an outside chance.

Eamonn Martin is Britain's only hope for a medal in the men's race and, should he win, he would become the first British man to do so since Ian Stewart in 1975. Richard Nerurkar, Dave Lewis and John Nuttall have qualities to finish in the first 20 and help lay the foundations for a good British team result.

There are few takers against Khalid Skah, of Morocco, retaining the individual title and few against Kenya winning the team championship for the sixth successive year. The most likely challengers to Skah are Martin, Addis Abebe, of Ethiopia, and the Kenyans, John Ngugi and Moses Tanui.

Feeling trapped by a shrill wall of sound

LAURA THOMPSON

It is the here and now which counts in sport. Somehow, even last Saturday seems a very long time ago, but it will be recalled that on that day the only place to be was Twickenham and the only people to be with were young Will and his band of Merrie Policemen.

Friday night was like the eve of St Crispin's Day. Gentlemen in England thought themselves accurs'd for not being able to go as standard-bearers to the war with France and held their manhoods cheap while they thought that I was going in their stead. Their eyes glowed like emeralds as they tutted: "So I suppose you're going to see England play France?"

The phraseology was unfortunate because it enabled me to say "Yes." Had they not then recoiled like wounded buffalos, had they quested bravely on, I might then have told them that the Anglo-French international which I was attending was not so much a rugby match at Twickenham, more a game of women's hockey at Wembley.

Have you ever shut your eyes during the Marseillaise, transported by the thought that when you open them you will be confronted by Smoking Serge, Olivier Roumat ("and Roumat has it", Bill McLaren kept saying, unaware of his own wit) and the rest of the blue boys; only to find instead, on emergence from your reverie, 32 nice young women with long sticks, half of them looking like they have just got mercredi afternoon off from their 1950s lycee and the other half seemingly having just been photographed for the bookjacket of *In the Fifth at Malory Towers*?

One is watching people so wholesome as to make one feel that one has spent an evening with Oliver Reed followed by a morning's modelling for Lucian Freud. Furthermore, one is surrounded by spectators who make the fresh-faced hockey players look, in their turn, like frazzled old extras from *Prisoner Cell Block H*.

Cliché has it that women's hockey internationals are attended by phalanxes of screaming schoolgirls, and cliché is right. It is like being at a mass audition for ITV's *Blockbusters* ("What 'H' is a game that you are forced to attend when all you can think about is whether you are going to get home in time to watch the rugby?").

Of course, there are boys on *Blockbusters*, whereas boys had little to do with this hockey match. The *en bloc* feminine presence gave me the feeling that I was back at school, an illusion helped along by sightings of the occasional games mistressy, Christine Janesy type of woman, whose face, as she watched the hockey, turned bright with nostalgia.

I myself regressed into schoolgirl behaviour; making judgements on whether or not the players were pretty, even crushworthy; smoking covertly and without inhaling; revving up into giggly hysteria at the sight of a man (who usually had the put-upon, gamely ironic air of a non-yokel male character in *The Archers*).

Actually, it is not entirely accurate to say that I felt like I was back at school: what I really felt was that I was attending an Old Girls' reunion.

At such events, there is a small sense of solidarity with, and a big sense of alienation from, all the girls and women for whom this establishment still forms the centre of their lives. A feeling which comforts as it reinforces one's ability to escape back to the grown-ups, or to the rugby.

Even though I affected to hate all the noise that the schoolgirls were making, in another way I quite liked it. It told me that I was not a part of it. It was, however, for one whose skull was playing polite hostess to a mild hangover, a bit like walking head-first and hatless into Phil Spector's Wall of Sound.

Also, all this youth was being frogmarched along by the twin forces of Radio 1 FM and Comic Relief. They wanted everyone to have a good time and everyone was going to have a good time, however bad a time some of us had while having it. The disc-jockey yelped, the records blared, and the schoolgirls screamed with the undirected zeal of banshees who do not know what they are warning people against, but who keep wailing anyway.

The Wall of Sound was of such density that the umpires' whistles could not be heard. Every toot had therefore to be electronically magnified into a big, nerve-shattering toot which came, like the ring of a faulty car phone belonging to a giant, approximately every ten seconds.

Eventually, it all ended and I ran like Rory to get home in time to watch the rugby. I felt like — well, like term had ended. It was not the hockey — the hockey was fine. It was the sense that all the attendant excitement had very little to do with the hockey (the schoolgirl screams diminished noticeably as soon as the game started, perhaps because the screamers were no longer the centre of attention).

Sport without atmosphere can be very dull: here, one had atmosphere, but it felt contrived and disproportionate. Presumably, I felt that way because I tend to think of women's sports as a diversion from the yardstick which is men's sport, and because a sporting event attended almost entirely bywomen seems to me aberrant.

Men like getting together and seething with collective purpose. The consequent abnegation of individual adulthood is a return to boyishness — but of course, as we know, men retain the capacity to be boyish all their lives. It is a characteristic closely connected with sport, and one which differentiates the liberating childishness of Twickenham from the trapped-in-a-dormitory feeling that I experienced at Wembley.

REAL TENNIS

Davies set to keep world title

NEW York — Wayne Davies, the world champion, looks poised to retain his title after an enthralling battle with the London-based Lachie Deuchar that has produced some of the best tennis ever seen (Sally Jones writes).

Davies, playing his first competitive singles for nearly a year after knee surgery, drew two sets all in the first leg but then won the second 3-1, gaining in confidence throughout and obviously relishing the fast court at the New York Racquet Club, where he is head professional.

Severely cut ground strokes and aggressive volleying helped Davies counter the fine retrieving of the athletic Deuchar, the world No. 1, who has played and trained full-time for the past two years in an attempt to lift the world title.

Davies goes into the final leg against his fellow-Australian needing to win two of the five sets to retain his crown. But the determined Deuchar, needing four sets for victory, should push him all the way.

RESULTS: W Davies (Aus) leads L Deuchar (Aus), 5-3. First leg: Davies and Deuchar 2-2 (6-5, 6-4, 6-3, 3-6). Second leg: Davies bt Deuchar, 3-1 (6-5, 6-4, 6-2, 3-6).

ROWING

London offer form guide to Boat Race

By MIKE ROSEWELL

BOAT Race pointers may emerge when Cambridge compete in the Tideway Head today (9.45am). The reason is the presence of London University, who beat Oxford last Saturday, and Nottingham County I, the Soviet/Nottingham composite, who fared less well against Oxford on Wednesday. Nottingham County lead off the 401-crew flotilla.

Cambridge, starting eighth, will be followed by Leander, whose crew includes many notable British rowers, including Steve Redgrave and Simon Berrisford.

Interest will also centre of Molesey I, another crew of international performers, who have raced both Oxford and Cambridge this year.

The women's and lightweight Boat Races will be held at Henley tomorrow, commencing at 2pm. The Cambridge lightweight men have won the last 13 races and could set a record. No Oxbridge crew, of any status, has won 14 races in a row.

The Veterans Head will be held at Putney tomorrow at 11am.

BOAT RACE CREW OUTING TIMES: Today: Oxford, 2pm.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League
First division
Chelsea v Southampton
Coventry v Manchester City
Derby Co v Liverpool
Everton v Nottm Forest
Leeds Utd v Crystal Palace
Manchester Utd v Luton
Norwich v Arsenal
Sunderland v Aston Villa
Tottenham v QPR
Wimbledon v Sheffield Utd

Second division
Blackburn v Oldham (all ticket)
Bristol City v Wolves
Charlton v Port Vale
Hull v West Ham
Middlesbrough v Watford
Notts County v Leicester
Oxford v Barnsley
Portsmouth v Newcastle
Sheffield Wed v Bristol R
Swindon v Brighton
West Bromwich v Millwall

Third division
Bournemouth v Southend
Birmingham v Reading
Brentford v Bradford
Bury v Cambridge
Chester v Tranmere
Exeter v Preston
L Orient v Huddersfield
Mansfield v Shrewsbury
Rotherham v Fulham
Stoke v Bolton
Swansea v Grimsby
Wigan v Crewe

Fourth division
Aldershot v Lincoln
Blackpool v Torquay
Carlisle v Walsall
Hereford v Darlington
Maidstone v Hartlepool
Northampton v Chesterfield
Peterborough v Stockport
Rochdale v Gillingham
Scunthorpe v Halifax
York v Burnley

GM Vauxhall Conference
Barrow v Wycombe
Bath v Altrincham
Cheltenham v Yeovil
Colchester v Fisher Ath
Gateshead v Macclesfield
Kettering v Barnet
Kidderminster v Slough
Merthyr v Boston
Stafford R v Welling
Sutton Utd v Northwich

B and Q Scottish League
Premier division
Dundee Utd v Aberdeen
Dunfermline v St Johnstone
Hearts v Hibernian
Motherwell v St Mirren

First division
Brechin v Ayr Utd
Clyde v Dundee
Forfar v Clydebank
Hamilton v Airdrie
Kilmarnock v Falkirk
Meadowbank v Raith R
Morton v Partick

Second division
Albion R v Stirling A
Dumbarton v Berwick
E Stirling v Cowdenbeath
Montrose v Arbroath
Queens Park v East Fife
Stenhousemuir v Queen of Sth
Stranraer v Alloa

FA VASE: Semi-finals: First leg: Gresley v Littlehampton; Trowbridge v Guiseley.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton v Basingstoke; Dagenham v Marlow; Enfield v Leyton-Wingate; Grays v Bishop's Stortford; Harrow v Aylesbury; Hendon v Wivenhoe; St Albans v Hayes; Staines v Barking; Windsor and Eton v Kingstonian; Woking v Bognor; Wokingham v Redbridge Forest. First division: Aveley v Boreham Wood; Chesham v Bromley; Croydon v Walton and Hersham; Dulwich v Dorking; Harlow v Lewes; Metropolitan Police v Chalfont St Peter; Molesey v Hitchin; Southwick v Tooting and Mitcham; Uxbridge v Whyteleafe; Worthing v Wembley; Yeading v Heybridge Swifts. Second division north: Billericay v Tilbury; Finchley v Barton; Hemel Hempstead v Edgware; Hornchurch v Clapton; Rainham v Basildon; Royston v Purfleet; Stevenage Borough v Kingsbury; Tring v Berkhamsted; Vauxhall Motors v Hertford; Ware v Collier Row; Witham v Saffron Walden. Second division south: Bracknell v Feltham; Cove v Maidenhead; Eastbourne v Flackwell Heath; Egham v Chertsey; Epsom and Ewell v Banstead Athletic; Hampton v Abingdon; Harefield v Horsham; Malden Vale v Petersfield; Newbury v Camberley; Ruislip Manor v Leatherhead; Southall v Hungerford.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland v Marine; Buxton v Stalybridge; Droylsden v South Liverpool; Fleetwood v Goole; Frickley v Chorley; Horwich v Matlock; Hyde v Bangor City; Leek Town v Morecambe; Southport v Mossley; Witton v Shepshed. Second division: Accrington Stanley v Worksop; Bridlington Town v Workington; Caernarfon v Harrogate; Congleton v Warrington; Emley v Winsford; Lancaster v Alfreton; Netherfield v Eastwood Town; Rossendale v Curzon Ashton; Whitley Bay v Newtown.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton v Bashley; Cambridge City v Dover; Chelmsford v Poole; Crawley v Weymouth; Dorchester v Bromsgrove; Gloucester v Atherstone; Halesowen v Moor Green; Rushden v VS Rugby; Wealdstone v Waterlooville; Worcester v Farnborough. Midland division: Alvechurch v Tamworth; Bridgnorth v Grantham; Corby v Barry; Dudley v Redditch; Leicester Utd v Stroud; Newport AFC v Hednesford; Nuneaton Borough v Bilston; Spalding Utd v Willenhall; Stourbridge v King's Lynn; Sutton Coldfield v RC Warwick. Southern division: Ashford v Fareham; Baldock v Salisbury; Canterbury v Gosport Borough; Corinthian v Andover; Dunstable v Margate; Hastings v Buckingham; Newport IOW v Sudbury; Witney v Hythe; Yate v Burnham.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Arsenal v Charlton; Brighton v Millwall (2.0); Luton v Ipswich (2.0); Southampton v Reading.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena v Newry; Bangor v Glenavon; Carrick v Crusaders; Cliftonville v Larne; Distillery v Glentoran; Linfield v Ards; Omagh v Ballyclare; Portadown v Coleraine.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Aberystwyth v Brecon; Afan Lido v Abergavenny; Bridgend v Port Talbot; Briton Ferry v Ammanford; Haverfordwest v Inter Cardiff; Llanelli v Cwmbran; Maesteg v Pembroke.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Atherton LR v Ashton Utd; Bacup Borough v Leyland DAF; Bootle v Flixton; Eastwood Hanley v Penrith; Prescot v Nantwich; Salford v Clitheroe; St Helens v Skelmersdale.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple v Bristol Manor Farm; Chard v Taunton; Dawlish v Welton; Exmouth v Clevedon; Ottery St Mary v Liskeard Athletic; Plymouth Argyle v Frome; Saltash v Chippenham; Tiverton v Paulton; Weston super Mare v Bideford; Torrington v Mangotsfield.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chatteris v Braintree; Clacton v Great Yarmouth; Felixstowe v Brantham; Gorleston v Histon; Halstead v Wroxham; Harwich and Parkeston v March; Lowestoft v Haverhill; Newmarket v Wisbech; Stowmarket v Watton; Thetford v Tiptree.

NORTHERN EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Alnwick v Shildon; Consett v Whickham; Guisborough v Blyth Spartans; Murton v Tow Law; Newcastle Blue Star v Whitby; Peterlee Newtown v Durham; South Bank v Seaham Red Star; Stockton v Brandon.

WEEKLY WYNNER LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare v Brigg; Maltby MW v Belper; North Ferriby v Ossett Town; Spennymoor v Ossett Albion; Sutton Town v Denaby; Thackley v North Shields; Winterton Rangers v Harrogate Railway.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Brentwoods v Old Malvernians; Old Chigwellians v Old Carthusians; Old Foresters v Old Salopians; Old Reptonians v Old Wellingburians. First division: Old Ardinians v Old Haileyburians; Old Harrovians v Old Aldenhamians; Old Westminsters v Old Bradfieldians.

LONDON OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Latymer Old Boys v C Manning; Old Aloysians v Glyn; Old Danes v Chertsey; Old Meadonians v Old Ignatians; Old Suttonians v Enfield.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Alleyn Old Boys v Royal Bank of Scotland; Carshalton v NatWest Bank; Ibis v South Bank Polytechnic; Lensbury v Bank of England; Lloyds Bank v Old Latymerians; Merton v East Barnet OG; Midland Bank v Old Actonians; Norsemen v West Wickham; Old Lyonians v Barclays Bank; Old Stationers v Old Esthameians; Old Westminster Cits v Alexandra Park; Polytechnic v Old Bromleians; Southgate Olympic v BP; Winchmore Hill v Civil Service.

RUGBY UNION

3.0 unless stated

Courage Clubs Championship
First division
Gloucester v Orrell
Leicester v Harlequins
Moseley v Bristol
Nottingham v Bath
Rosslyn Pk v Liverpool St H
Wasps v Northampton

Second division
Bedford v Coventry
L Irish v Wakefield
Plymouth v N Gosforth
Richmond v Headingley
Rugby v Blackheath
Sale v L Scottish

Third division
Broughton Pk v Morley
Lydney v Clifton
Nuneaton v Met Police
Roundhay v Fylde
Sheffield v Exeter
Vale of Lune v Askeans

Fourth division north
Hereford v Kendal
Preston G v Northern
Stoke v Durham
Stourbridge v Birmingham
Walsall v Lichfield
Winnington Pk v Harrogate

Fourth division south
Maidenhead v Cheltenham
Maidstone v L Welsh
N Walsham v Basingstoke
Redruth v Havant
Southend v Ealing
Sudbury v Camborne

Heineken Welsh League
Premier division
Bridgend v Neath (2.30)
Cardiff v Llanelli (2.30)
Newbridge v Pontypridd (2.30)
Pontypool v Glamorgan W (2.30)
Swansea v Abertillery (2.30)

First division
Cross Keys v Maesteg
Sth Wales Pol v Ebbw Vale (2.30)
Tredegar v Penarth

McEwan's Scottish League
First division
Edinburgh A v Currie
Gala v Stewarts Mel
Glasgow High v Boroughmuir
Kelso v Hawick
Stirling Co v Melrose

Second division
Glasgow A v Langholm
Hillhead-J'hill v Dunfermline
Kirkcaldy v Ayr
Preston Lodge v Dundee HSFP
Royal High v Musselburgh
W of Scotland v Kilmarnock

Club matches
Otley v Waterloo
W Hartlepool v Saracens

Inter-services match
The Army v Royal Navy (at Twickenham, 2.30)

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Cheshunt v Sutton and Epsom; Lewes v Old Gaytonians; Old Alleynians v Ruislip; Sidcup v Streatham and Croydon; US Portsmouth v Thurrock. Second division north: Barking v Chingford; Bishop's Stortford v Norwich; Old Albanians v Finchley; Old Merchant Taylors v Eton Manor; Tabard v Woodford. Second division south: Camberley v Dartfordians; Dorking v Old Brockleians; Esher v Tunbridge Wells; Old Colfeians v Guildford and Godalming; Worthing v Westcombe Park. Third division north east: Cambridge v Westcliff; Cantabrigian v Saffron Walden; Colchester v Brentwood; Harlow v Canvey Island; W Norfolk v Romford and Gidea Park. Third division north west: Hemel Hempstead v St Mary's Hospital; Hertford v Letchworth; Kingsburians v Fullerians; Uxbridge v Mill Hill; Welwyn v Grasshoppers. Third division south east: Chichester v Beckenham; Crawley v Gillingham Anch; Horsham v Bognor; Old Beccehamians v Hove; Old Juddian v Park House. Third division south west: Eastleigh v Alton; KCS Old Boys v Old Walcountians; Old Blues v Portsmouth; Old Reigatian v Old Emanuel; Purley v Old Whitgiftians. Eastern Counties: First division: Basildon v Bury St Edmunds; Chelmsford v Rochford; Ely v Crusaders; Redbridge v Braintree; Woodbridge v Shelford. Kent: First division: Erith v Dover; Medway v Snowdown CW; Old Dunstonians v Bromley; Sevenoaks v Sittingbourne; Thanet Wanderers v Betteshanger.

SOUTH WEST: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Reading v Salisbury; St Ives v Gordon League; Stroud v Matson; Taunton v High Wycombe; Torquay v Brixham. Second division: Henley v Cinderford; Newbury v Bournemouth; Oxford v Banbury; Penryn v Marlow; Redingensians v Barnstaple. Western Counties: Launceston v Old Culverhaysians; Okehampton v Newquay Hornets; Penzance New v Combe Down; Tiverton v Clevedon; Truro v Bridgwater. Southern counties: Sherborne v Chiltern; Swanage and Wareham v Grove; Swindon v Slough; Wimborne v Bletchley; Windsor v Bracknell. Cornwall and Devon: Exmouth v Devon and Cornwall Police; Hayle v Devonport Services; Plymouth CS v Bogan Park; Sidmouth v Crediton; Teignmouth v Exeter Saracens. Cornwall: First division: Saltash v Falmouth; St Austell v Liskeard Looe; Stithians v Bude; Veor v Roseland; Wadebridge v St Agnes. Devon: First division: Newton Abbott v Ivybridge; Plymouth Argaum v Old Technicians; South Molton v Ilfracombe; Topsham v Jesters; Totnes v Paignton. Gloucester and Somerset: Frome v Drybrook; Midsomer Norton v Keynsham; Oldfield Old Boys v Dings Crusaders; Spartans v Coney Hill; Whitehall v Clevedon. Gloucestershire: First division: Brockworth v Saintbridge; Gloucester Old Boys v Longlevens; Old Patesians v Cheltenham North; St Mary's Old Boys v Ashley Down; Widden Old Boys v North Bristol. Somerset: First division: Old Sulians v Minehead; St Bernadette Old Boys v Wiveliscombe; Walcott Old Boys v Hornets; Yatton v Bristol Hornets; Yeovil v Old Redcliffians. Berkshire, Dorset and Wiltshire: First division: Corsham v North Dorset; Lytchett Min v Chippenham; Melksham v Puddletown; Weymouth v Dorchester; Wootton Bassett v Devizes. Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire: First division: Littlemore v Wheatley; Milton Keynes v Drifters; Olney v Oxford Old Boys; Oxford Marathon v Chinnor; Pennanians v Didcot.

MIDLANDS: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Mansfield v Derby; Newark v Stockwood Park; Paviors v Leighton Buzzard; Sutton Coldfield v Barker Butts; Westleigh v Towcestrians. Second division east: Matlock v Moderns; Peterborough v Kettering; Stewarts and Lloyds v Biggleswade; Syston v Chesterfield; Vipers v Lincoln. Second division west: Bromsgrove v Dudley; Burton v Wolverhampton; Old Yardleians v Keresley; Stafford v Leamington; Worcester v Bedworth. East Midlands and Leicestershire: Coalville v Belgrave; Luton v Northampton Trinity; Lutterworth v Bedford Athletic; Stoneygate v Ampthill; Wellingborough v Aylestone St James. North Midlands: First division: Bridgnorth v Dixonians; Luctonians v Kings Norton; Shrewsbury v Ludlow; Whitchurch v Veseyans; Woodrush v Aston OE. Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire: First division: East Retford v Nottingham Casuals; Glossop v Amber Valley; Kesteven v Southwell; Mellish v Spalding; Sleaford v Worksop. Staffordshire and Warwickshire: Newcastle (Staffs) v Coventry Welsh; Old Leamingtonians v Broad Street; Old Longtonians v Nuneaton OE; Tamworth v Leek; Uttoxeter v Stratford upon Avon.

NORTH: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Aspatria v Hartlepool Rovers; Bradford and Bingley v Wigton; Birkenhead Park v Tynedale; Rotherham v Hull Ionians; Widnes v Middlesbrough. Second division: Carlisle v Alnwick; New Brighton v Sandbach; Wharfedale v Sandal; Wigan v Lymm; West Park (St Helens) v Stockton. North West: First division: Cockermouth v Netherhall; Northwich v Davenport; Rochdale v Egremont; Sedgley Park v Macclesfield; Wirral v Manchester. Second division: Blackburn v St Edwards Old Boys; Merseyside Police v Workington; Old Aldwinians v Ashton on Mersey; Warrington v Chester; Wilmslow v Penrith. NW-East North: First division: Burnage v Kirkby Lonsdale; Furness v Windermere; Keswick v Eccles; Moresby v De la Salle; Old Salians v Vickers. NW-West: First division: Hoylake v South Liverpool; Old Instonians v Leigh; Ormskirk v Newton le Willows; Ruskin Park v Liverpool Collegiate; Vulcan v Oldershaw. North East: First division: Bramley v Gateshead Fell; Keighley v Blaydon; Novocastrians v York; Old Brodleians v Morpeth; Old Crossleyans v Roundhegians. Second division: Ashington v Beverley; Blyth v Newcastle University; Old Hymerians v Ripon; Pontefract v West Park Bramhope; Selby v Rockcliff. Yorkshire: First division: Barnsley v Castleford; Doncaster v Driffield; Hemsworth v Cleckheaton; North Ribblesdale v Pocklington; York RI v Bridlington. Durham and Northumberland: First division: Bishop Auckland v Darlington RA; Mowden Park v Darlington; Redcar v Ryton; Seghill v Acklam; Sunderland v Horden.

SCOTLAND: McEwan's League: Third division: Peebles v Howe of Fife; Gordonians v Highland; Grangemouth v Wigtownshire; Trinity Academicals v Perthshire; Haddington v Biggar; Aberdeen GSFP v Portobello FP; Clarkston v Dalziel HSFP. Fourth division: St Boswells v East Kilbride; Waysiders v Lismore; Dumfries v Cambuslang; Edinburgh University v Penicuik; Morgan FP v Greenock Wanderers; Hutchesons' Aloysians v Linlithgow; Leith Academicals v Carthe Queens Park. Fifth division: Dunbar v Livingston; Aberdeenshire v Hillfoots; Stewartry v Murrayfield; Broughton FP v North Berwick; Alloa v Ardrossan Academicals; Madras FP v Paisley; Glenrothes v Moray. Sixth division: Drumpellier v Earlston; St Andrews University v Walkerburn; Cumbernauld v Clydebank; Falkirk v Marr; Lasswade v Aberdeen University; Harris FP v Lenzie. Seventh division: Strathmore v Panmure; Rosyth and District v Ross High; Holy Cross v Birkmyre; Garioch v Duns; Forrester FP v Whitecraigs; Cumnock v Garnock; RAF Kinloss v Irvine.

IRELAND: All Ireland League: Qualifying competition: (2.30): Dungannon v Blackrock College (Ravenhill); Dolphin v Galwegians (Temple Hill). Leinster: Senior Cup: First round: (3.0): Lansdowne v Old Wesley; University College Dublin v Bective Rangers; St Mary's College v Monkstown. Munster: Senior Cup: First round: St Mary's v Cork Constitution (Thomond Park, 3.30). Munster: Senior club: Garryowen v Graystones (2.30); Sunday's Well v Dublin University (3.0); Young Munster v Highfield (3.30). Leinster: Senior club: (3.0): Old Belvedere v Athlone; Terenure College v Portadown; Clontarf v Corinthians. Ulster: Senior club: (2.30): NIFC v Collegians; Instonians v CIYMS; Ballymena v City of Derry; Malone v Academy; Queens University v Bangor; Omagh v Coleraine.

WELSH YOUTH RU FINAL: Bridgend and Dist v Rhondda and E Glamorgan (at the National Stadium, Cardiff).

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Semi-final: Wigan v Oldham (at Burnden Park, Bolton, 3.0).

HOCKEY

POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Cannock v Teddington (Four Crosses, 2.30); East Grinstead v Welton (Farlington School, Horsham, 12.30); Havant v Southgate (Havant College, 2.15); Indian Gymkhana v Isca (Feltham School, 2.0); Neston v Hounslow (Neston RC, 12.0); Slough v Wakefield (Wexham School, 2.30); St Albans v Bromley (Clarence Park, 1.30); Stourport v Old Loughtonians (King Charles School, Kidderminster 1.0). Second division: Broxbourne v Bournville (Haileybury College, Hertford, 1.0); Cambridge City v Bream (Coldhams Common, 2.15); Doncaster v Reading (Grove SC Newark, 12.30); Firebrands v Gorecourt (Bristol University, 1.30); Guildford v Harborne (Seaford College, 1.30); Richmond v Taunton Vale (Teddington School, Broome Road, 2.30); Warrington v Canterbury (Albert Park, Salford, 1.30).

TYPHOO WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: (at Lilleshall National Sports Centre, Shropshire): Chelmsford v Sutton Coldfield (9.15); Ealing v Ipswich (11.0); Clifton v Slough (12.45); Wimbledon v Doncaster (2.30); Leicester v Hightown (4.15).

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Dulwich v Old Kingstons; Purley v Maidenhead; Spencer v Weybridge; Surbiton v Hampstead; Tulse Hill v Blackheath.

TIPP-EX YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Adel v Farsley; Bradford v Sheffield Bankers; Brigg v Appleby Frodingham; Harrogate v York; Rosses v Grimsby.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Play-off, quarter-finals: Derby v Leicester (7.30); Kingston v Hemel Hempstead (7.30); Manchester v Thames (7.30); Worthing v Sunderland (7.30). Second division: Play-off, quarter-finals: Bury v Middlesborough (8.0); Cheshire v Birmingham (8.0); Watford v Oldham (6.0). Third division: Play-off quarter-finals: Barnsley v Leicester (6.0); Chiltern v Cheshire (8.0); Greenwich v North London (7.0). Junior: Play-off, quarter-finals: East London v Bury (2.0); Gloucester v Brixton (4.0); Minsthorpe v Birmingham (6.0). Women: First division: Play-off, quarter-final: London YMCA v Ipswich (6.0). Second division: Play-off, quarter-final: S Tyneside v Kirklees (6.0).

ICE HOCKEY

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Pool C: China v Great Britain (Copenhagen, Denmark, 6.0).

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Glasgow v Romford (4.45).

ENGLISH LEAGUE: Chelmsford v Sunderland (6.30); Milton Keynes v Sheffield (6.0).

LACROSSE

NORTHERN REGIONAL TROPHY: Final: Lancashire v Cheshire (at Heaton Mersey).

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Europa 2-day road race (Owslebury, Winchester, 1.0).
DIVING: Euro Cup (Sheffield).
ICE SKATING: English style championships (Richmond).
ROWING: Head of the River Race (Tideway).
SNOOKER: World professional championship, qualifying rounds (Preston).
VOLLEYBALL: Royal Bank National Cup: Finals (Crystal Palace).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
Fourth division
Doncaster v Scarborough (12.0)

B and Q Scottish League
Premier division
Celtic v Rangers (2.0)

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland v Stalybridge (1.0).

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Second round: Athlone v Bohemians; Derry v Ashtown (3.30); Drogheda v Waterford (3.30); Galway v Shelbourne; Limerick v Elm Rovers; Midleton v St James's; Portlaoise v Kilkenny; Sligo v Shamrock.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Gosport Borough v Sudbury.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clevedon v Liskeard Athletic.

HOCKEY

POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Second division: Lyons v Trogens (Dairy Meadow, Southall, 2.30).

NATIONWIDE ANGLIA CUP: Semi-finals: Bromley v Hounslow (Edenbridge FC, 12.30); Cannock v Havant (Four Crosses, 2.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: (3.30 unless stated): First division: Castleford v St Helens; Featherstone v Widnes; Hull KR v Rochdale (3.15); Sheffield v Hull (3.15); Wakefield v Bradford. Second division: Bramley v Salford; Chorley v Ryedale-York (3.0); Dewsbury v Runcorn; Halifax v Workington (3.0); Hunslet v Swinton (1.0); Keighley v Barrow (3.15); Leigh v Batley; Nottingham v Doncaster (3.0); Trafford v Carlisle; Whitehaven v Fulham.

RUGBY UNION

Heineken Welsh League
First division
Aberavon v Newport (2.30)

ICE HOCKEY

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Pool C: Great Britain v North Korea (Copenhagen, Denmark, 2.0).

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Solihull v Durham (7.0). First division: Glasgow v Swindon (4.15).

ENGLISH LEAGUE: Blackburn v Milton Keynes (6.30); Haringey v Sunderland (6.0); Oxford City v Chelmsford Chieftains (5.30); Sheffield v Richmond Flyers (6.15).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: Second division: Play-off, quarter-final: Broxbourne v Doncaster (4.0). Third division: Play-off, quarter-final: Cardiff v Kirklees (4.0). Junior: Play-off, quarter-final: Leicester v Crystal Palace (2.0). Women: First division: Play-off, quarter-finals: Crystal Palace v Nottingham (2.0); Northampton v Rhondda (3.30); Sheffield v Brixton (2.0). Second division: Play-off, quarter-finals: Hemel Hempstead v Camberley (2.0); Leicester v Sunderland (4.0); Wirral v Harlesden (3.0).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: English national indoor Champion of Champions (Wellingborough).
CYCLING: Europa 2-day road race: Time trial, 8.30 and road race, 11.0 (Owslebury, Winchester).
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ICE HOCKEY

Defence cut hits Britain

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

GREAT Britain have a realistic chance of promotion from pool C in the world championships that begin today in Copenhagen, but will have to achieve it without three members of their original squad.

Mark Budz, John Iredale and Stephen Cooper have withdrawn from the party travelling to Denmark, Budz after deciding to concentrate on his golf career, Iredale because of damaged knee ligaments and Stephen Cooper because of pressure of work commitments off the ice.

Of the three, the greatest loss is Stephen Cooper, the best British-born defenceman in the Heineken League, which could leave the side short of experienced players at the back. The defection of Budz allowed Iain Robertson to be brought into the squad and Iredale's injury made an opening for Bobby Haig. These two play together for Fife Flyers and should form two-thirds of an effective forward line.

The Johnson brothers and Ian Cooper will undoubtedly be reunited and a forward line comprising Gary Stefan, John Lawless and Jamie Crapper could be dangerous.

Brian Mason will probably be asked to spend a great deal of time on the ice since he is the squad's most experienced defenceman, but it is unfortunate that neither Paul Pentland nor Alastair Reid was drafted in when Stephen Cooper dropped out.

The choice of goaltenders was controversial, with arguably the best and most consistent, Scott O'Connor, of Peterborough Pirates, not included. John McCrone is the best of the three selected in the squad and will probably have most work to do.

BRITAIN'S GAMES: v China (today); v N Korea (tomorrow); v Denmark (Tuesday); v Belgium (Wednesday); v Hungary (Friday); v Bulgaria (Saturday, March 30); v S Korea (Monday, April 1); v Romania (Tuesday, April 2).

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CRICKET

Pressure on Richards increased by defeat

From JOHN WOODCOCK IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

DURING the last of the one-day internationals between West Indies and Australia, played here on Wednesday, the great Vivian Richards was booed to the wicket, and when he was out for ten, caught at long-on, he was booed again. It was symptomatic of the pressure he and his team will be under when the second Test match begins here this morning.

Nothing else has ever united the West Indies like cricket, and there is now a widespread consensus that the time has come to discard some of the old school. Having grown accustomed to winning, the man in the rum shop has not taken kindly to Australia's conclusive victory in the one-day series. In Guyana and Trinidad, two conspicuously cosmopolitan countries, Richards' insinuation of a year ago, that West Indian cricket is omnipotently African, also still rankles. He must have regretted it as soon as he saw what he had said.

On the field, too, West Indies for the moment lost the initiative. Like Clive Lloyd before him, Richards has never been a particularly profound tactician. For most of the last 15 years, captaining West Indies has been a matter of deciding which fast bowler to fire off next and waiting until the opposition has no conceivable chance of winning before declaring. But that has changed. Against England here last year, then in Pakistan last Autumn, and most recently against Australia in Jamaica, West Indies have been reduced to hanging on.

That first Test match of this present series, although ultimately marred by the weather, showed what excitements are to be expected. At three-to-one against before the series started, Australia were clearly outside the odds, but I am still not sure that on good pitches they have the bowling to win it. The crunch is more likely to come in the last two Tests in Barbados in Antigua, where the pitches are bouncier than here or at Port of Spain.

It is not at all according to their plans that Australia find themselves today without Alderman and Reid, the two bowlers who had most to do with their retaining the Ashes only a few weeks ago. Since coming to the Caribbean five weeks ago, neither of them has made an impact, Alderman because he has not swung the ball and Reid through a rather mystifying lack of confidence as much as a shortage of work. If their shoes should now be successfully filled by McDermott and Whitney, one really might be persuaded that Australia's second XI could beat England's first.

In a five-day match, Australia are going to start perhaps 50 runs to the good with their much more aggressive running between wickets. Against that, West Indies still have some tremendous cricketers in their side, and word that Australia are looking to bounce them out, in the belief that they will prove allergic to it, sounds highly questionable to me.

Time was when the two sides would have gone into the match with little but spin. It was here that Lance Gibbs took the first steps towards becoming such a prolific taker of wickets. Yet, earlier this week, Australia's intention was to play no spinner. When, in Wednesday's one-day international, the ball turned, they thought again. The slow bowling will be in the match will be entrusted, therefore, mostly to Matthews and Hooper, hardly a combination to fill even a village team with fear. The rain is still holding off — but only just.

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GOLF

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Swinging to victory: Chris Ambler drives off the 17th tee during the first day of the annual golf match between Oxford and Cambridge at Royal St George's

Romance denied in final

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

JEREMY Robinson and Wayne Henry yesterday drew the veil over the prospect of a romantic finish to the Sunningdale Foursomes when they overcame Bruce Critchley and Robin Hunter 4 and 3 in the final on the Old Course.

Critchley and Hunter, whose combined age is 100, won the competition in 1964 and, as members of the host club, their attempt to win once again was particularly poignant since this was the fiftieth edition of the foursomes competition.

Robinson and Henry, however, prevailed, following in the footsteps of such illustrious winners as Peter Alliss, Michael Bonallack, Neil Coles, Max Faulkner, Michael King, Peter Oosterhuis, Ronan Rafferty, Dai Rees, Sam Torrance and Joyce Wethered, although they were made to fight in spite of moving three up at the 9th hole, where they extracted their third birdie of the match when Henry drove the green.

Critchley and Hunter reduced their deficit to one by the short 13th, where Critchley struck a wonderful tee shot to within six feet of the hole. Henry, however, hit his six-iron inside that of his opponent's and, after Hunter had left his putt woefully short, Robinson holed from four feet for a two.

That reversal had a telling effect on Critchley and Hunter, who had played with such majesty throughout the week. By taking three putts at each of the next two holes, they capitulated rather quicker than had seemed likely.

Robinson and Henry, however, fully deserved their success: they were 18 under par for the seven rounds of golf they played. For Robinson, aged 25, it continues an encouraging start to the year — he won the Kenya Open in January — while for Henry, aged 21, it should provide a stimulant in his third year as a professional, although, like his partner, he does not own a player's card for the PGA European Tour.

Robinson, who won the Brabazon and the Berkshire Trophy in 1987 when he also played in the Walker Cup at Sunningdale, said: "I was three shots ahead of Steve Richardson with one round to go in Kenya and won by five. It's very encouraging to see Steve out there going after a Ryder Cup place and I can only hope that things will start to go my way in the future."

In the morning, Robinson and Henry survived a counter-attack by the amateurs, Adrian Carter and Adam Hart, to win on the 18th green and Critchley and Hunter were also taken to the last by Chris Platts and David Jones.

"The nerves were twanging away," Critchley said. "It would be so romantic to win." That, sadly, was not to be.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: J Robinson (unattached) and W Henry (John Hill) bt A Carter and A Hart (West Hill), one hole; B Critchley and R Hunter (Sunningdale) bt C Platts and D Jones (Three Rivers), one hole. Final: Robinson and Henry bt Critchley and Hunter, 4 and 3.

Oxford finish in arrears

By JOHN HENNESSY

THERE were some violent shifts of fortune before Oxford and Cambridge settled their differences on the first day of their annual match at Royal St George's yesterday. In the end the difference was a single point, Cambridge winning three of the foursomes and Oxford two.

In the top match, Bryan Ingleby and Mike Uzielli beat Andrew Woolnough and Simon Jenkins by the sober margin, over 36 holes, of 3 and 2.

There was an unexpected twist in the morning. From four up after eight, the winners declined to one down after 16. In the afternoon Cambridge won four holes in a row from the tenth to go three up again and there was no way back for Oxford.

Nicholas Burke and James Gordon won nine holes out of ten, starting from the 17th in the morning, to run away with the third match for Oxford, an example largely followed by Chris Ambler and Chris Dale for Cambridge in the next. They won six out of seven from the fifth in the afternoon.

In the second match which was touch and go, it was Oxford who yielded when Richard Hall, dormie three at the side of Roger Kelly, hit an eight iron to 18 feet at the 16th. The birdie Oxford needed was beyond them.

RESULTS: (Cambridge names first): B Ingleby (Sir Roger Manwood's and Fitzwilliam) and M Uzielli (Marlborough and Pembroke) bt A L Woolnough (Teignmouth and Wadham) and S A Jenkins (Hampton and Worcester), 3 and 2; R Kelly (Dulwich and Corpus Christi) and R Hall (Whitgift and Magdalene) bt K A Froggatt (RBAI and Hertford) and J L Hampel (Merchant Taylors' and St Anne's), 3 and 2; J Harper (Stockport GS and Selwyn) and P Hogg (Solihull and St Catharine's) lost to N J Burke (Bishop Wordsworth and LMH) and R A Sanders (Winchester and Merton), 7 and 6; C Ambler (Stamford and Queens') and C Dale (Clifton and Trinity Hall) bt S G Morris (Birkenhead and St Anne's) and G Rowlands (St Bartholomew's and St Anne's), 8 and 7; R Evans (Imperial College and Wolfson) and K Boden (Queen Mary College and Pembroke) lost to S M Ritchie (Radley and Christ Church) and J A Gordon (Heart of England and Hertford), 1 hole.

RACING

Collins Avenue heralds new chapter for Hills

By MICHAEL SEELY
RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE victory of Collins Avenue at Doncaster yesterday heralded the end of one chapter and the beginning of another in the 22-year training career of Barry Hills.

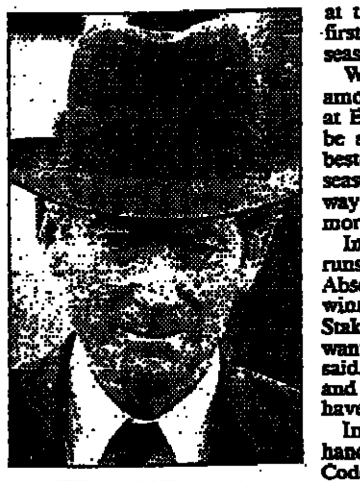
"That's one down and three to go," said Hills, after his son Michael had ridden the even money favourite to a comfortable three lengths win.

"I've got three running tomorrow and Lord Of Tusmore in the Lincoln will be my last from Manton. Marcham in the Easter Stakes at Kempton on Saturday will be my first from South Bank. It's all very sad, but it's no use complaining. Let's hope that this is the start of the beginning."

The four completed seasons during which Hills has operated from Manton, Robert Sangster's 2,300 acre training complex in Wiltshire, have been the most successful of his career. "I've had over 400 winners during that time," he said. "I've had five on the all-weather so far this year. But today's is my first on grass."

The complicated move from Manton back to South Bank, Hills's original home at Lambourn, has taken about six weeks. "My Doncaster runners will all go back to Lambourn," he went on. "There are about 25 left at Manton. Moving about 50 staff has been the most difficult part of it all."

Despite having laid the foundations of his remarkable career by backing Frankincense to win the 1968 Lincoln when working as travelling head lad to John Oxley, Hills has yet to saddle the winner as a trainer.



Hills: bidding sad farewell to Manton

"Assessing the chances of the well-backed Lord Of Tusmore, the trainer said: "Whether he will cope with the tacky ground, I don't know. I'd also be happier with a low draw than with 21. But the horse is very well. Funnily enough, he started by winning the race last year that Collins Avenue has won today."

Both Pat Eddery and Willie Carson were in fine form on the second day of the new campaign. Eddery, champion jockey for the seventh time last season and a 3-1 on chance to retain his title this year, got off the mark when Certain Risk sprinted to a ten-length win in the opening South Yorkshire Selling Stakes.

Not to be outdone, Carson, with a personal record of 187 winners to his credit in 1990, also rode his first British winner of the season when gaining an almost equally easy success on Sagaman, the eight-length winner of the Cystic Fibrosis Cup.

There was no mistaking Richard Hannon's air of satisfaction at the authority shown by his first two-year-old winner of the season, Certain Risk.

With seventy two-year-olds among the 132 horses he trains at East Everleigh, Hannon will be seeking to improve on his best-ever postion of sixth in last season's trainers' table. "The way that won, there must be more to come," he said.

In today's big race, Hannon runs both the well-fancied Absonal and Fox Chapel, the winner of last season's Britannia Stakes at Ascot." I wouldn't want it too soft for Absonal," he said. "But with him drawn at 25 and Fox Chapel at six, I seem to have the best of both worlds."

In the two-and-a-quarter handicap Sagaman gave Liam Codd, the Evesham trainer, his first Flat winner since Madraco shattered a fetlock joint in that tragic fall at the St Leger meeting 18 months ago. "He's still on the mend," said the trainer. "He's had a lot of exercise on the horse walker. And his owner hopes that he is going to recover enough to be able to serve one or two mares."

Sagaman ran in the colours of Bob Bluck, who keeps a pub at Long Marston. He won the five-year-old's training expenses for a year in a £10,000 raffle, conducted by the trainer at his stable in aid of the Injured Jockeys' Fund.

"I bought five £1 tickets," he said. "I had the shock of my life when Liam rang me up and told me I had won it. He's already won two hurdle races for me, at Warwick and Newcastle."

In this afternoon's Lincoln, I am napping Selaah, trained by Michael Stoute. The four-year-old has been trained for the race and with a low number, four, Selaah can beat Lord Of Tusmore and Fox Chapel.

Balding on the move

TOBY Balding, trainer of the champion hurdler Morley Street, yesterday signed a two-year agreement to take over from Reg Akehurst at the multi-million pound Whitcombe Manor Stables in Dorset.

Balding exchanged contracts with Whitcombe owner Peter Bolton over a glass of champagne at Newbury races yesterday.

When Akehurst returns to his former base at Epsom in June, Balding will take his dual-purpose team to the 140 box complex.

Balding at present rents his yard at Fyfield and the switch to Whitcombe is a stop-gap while his new yard at Kimpton is being built.

One of his assistants at Whitcombe will be Brian Eagles, already established there as the resident vet. When Balding's contract expires, Eagles is expected to take over as trainer.

Balding said yesterday: "I aim to keep Whitcombe buzzing. The facilities down there are second to none, and I'll be taking a pretty formidable team of National Hunt horses with me."

☐ Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, had the biggest smile at Newbury yesterday, having placed a £10 winning bet on the 2-1 chance Pegwell Bay.

Leicester in doubt

HEAVY rain has put Monday's Flat meeting at Leicester in doubt. The going is currently heavy and parts of the track are waterlogged. An inspection will take place at 10am tomorrow.

The meeting at Hexham today was cancelled yesterday, owing to a waterlogged track. Prospects for Monday's meeting are more hopeful, although the course is subject to a noon inspection tomorrow.

☐ Criquette Head said yesterday that Divine Danse, an unlucky third in the Cheveley Park Stakes last October, will be aimed at the 1,000 Guineas

Sheer Jest to make amends

By BRIAN BEEL

SHEER Jest showed outstanding promise as a five-year-old, winning both a maiden and an adjacent race, but he proved a disappointing favourite on his only outing this season. Under Alan Hill he finished a well-beaten and tired second in the adjacent at the Oakley.

Today, in one of the two *Times* Championship qualifiers at the Grafton, he is taken to make amends. However, he will face stiff opposition from Met Station, Discus Thrower, Royal Sunshine and Framfield.

The absence of Frome Boy, who won at the North Ledbury on Thursday, leaves the way clear for Court Painter, a recent winner at the Harkaway Club, to be successful in in the first division.

The rearranged Tanatside fixture also features two *Times* qualifiers. If he turns out in the first, Sandstone Arch would have lesser opposition than when finishing third in the hunter Chase at Wolverhampton last Monday. In his absence, Charlie Magpie, runner-up to Quick Vision at Tatton Park, might come out best.

When beating Ash Pit in a field of 24 in the adjacent at the Flint and Denby last week, Denslads won in the fastest time of the day. He should justify a short price in the second division.

The corresponding event at the Duke of Buccleuch looks very open, but the Berwickshire maiden winner, Aiden Royale, may just have the edge over Run Pet Run, who fell three out in the maiden when going well in the lead at Dalston last week.

The Red One cannot be opposed for the Land Rover qualifier at the Harworth, but that sponsor's race at the Wilton will be difficult to win, having attracted, in an entry of 22, four of good hunter chase standard. The four are Pepys, Sharp Jewel, Music Minstrel and And There's More, who are preferred in that order.

With Maltby Boy beating last week's winner Liberty Square by only half a length and Kendor close behind Liberty Square on his debut, the RMC qualifier at the Crawley and Horsham looks to be wide open between these three. Kendor may prove to be the best value.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Carmarthenshire, Lydstep, three miles south west of Tenby, (first race, 12.30); Cottesmore, Garthorpe, 5m E of Melton Mowbray, (1.0); Crawley and Horsham, Parham, 3m SE of Pulborough, (1.30); Duke of Buccleuch's Friars Haugh, 1m W of Kelso, (2.0); Grafton, Mollington, 5m N of Banbury, (12.0); Hurworth, Great Stainton, 3m SW of Sedgefield, (1.30); Lamerton, Kilworthy, 2m NE of Tavistock, (1.15); Llangibby, Howick, 2m W of Chepstow, (1.0); North Norfolk, Higham, 7m NE of Colchester, (1.30); Ross Harriers, Garnons, 7m W of Hereford, (1.0); Tanatside, Eyton-on-Severn, 6m SE of Shrewsbury, (12.0); Weston and Banwell, Nedge, 5m NW of Wells, (1.0); Wilton, Badbury Rings, 5m SE of Blandford, (1.30).

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Doncaster

Going: good to soft (round course); soft (straight)

1.45 (5f) 1, CERTAIN RISK (Pat Eddery, 7-2 fav); 2, Premier Envelope (Kim Tinkler, 12-1); 3, Sport Of Fools (Dean McKeown, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Sigwells Steamer, 6 Between Two Fires, Brenda Hunt, 9 Lady Runfast, Swirling Cloud, 11 The Dominant Gene, 14 Carriage Bay, Peniscola Star (4th), 16 Haxby Lass, 25 King Optimist (5th), Ready To Draw (6th). 14 ran. 10l, 1l, nk, ¾l, nk. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £3.90; £1.80, £3.90, £3.40. DF: £81.50. CSF: £49.14. 1min 05.55sec. Bought in for 4,800gns.

2.15 (1m 2f 50yd) 1, BUZZARDS CREST (Di Jones, 50-1); 2, Stalled Kid (Geraldine Rees, 15-2); 3, Crosby Place (Yvonne Haynes, 7-1 fav); 4, Spanish Whisper (Lydia Pearce, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Icarus, 17-2 Bursana, 9 Wearegrandmother, 12 Thomas Leng, San Roque, 14 Showmanship, Avishayes, 16 The Prodigal, 20 Gin And Orange, Classic Suite (5th), Fitcham, 33 Vairagya, Home Rule (6th). 50 Dorimar, Amy's Star, Blue Grit, Bursar, Smiling Bear. 22 ran. NR: Jubran. ¾l, 1l, 1½l, 3½l, 1½l. H Collingridge at Newmarket. Tote: £42.40; £5.70, £1.40, £1.40, £3.80. DF: £414.80. CSF: £358.73. Tricast: £2,690.92. 2min 22.77sec.

2.45 (1m) 1, FRONT PAGE (T Quinn, 16-1); 2, Vague Dancer (Dean McKeown, 8-1); 3, Northgate King (S Maloney, 25-1); 4, Sharp N' Smooth (B Rouse, 6-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 9 Predictable, 11 Hackforth, 12 Evening Star, 14 Puffy, Foolish Touch, El Volador, Miss Sarajane, 16 Regent Lad, Annabelle Royale, Falcons Dawn, Birstwith (5th), Too Eager, Invertiel, Katy's Lad, Beaumont's Keep, 20 Taylors Prince, Golden Beau, 25 Qualitair Dream (6th), 50 Muthaiga, Allez-Oops. 24 ran. NR: Carlingford. 1½l, 1½l, 2½l, sh hd, 3l. J Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £82.30; £13.80, £2.50, £7.90. DF: £130.80. CSF: £147.00. Tricast: £2,985.36. 1min 45.94sec.

3.15 (2m 2f) 1, SAGAMAN (W Carson, 7-2); 2, Yorkshire Holly (J Lowe, 9-4 fav); 3, Old Hubert (G Carter, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Emeritus, 6 Boulevard Girl (4th), 10 Master Dancer (6th), 16 Burnt Fingers, 20 Stage Player, 25 Banana Cufflinks, 33 Kathy Cook (5th). 10 ran. 8l, 1½l, 10l, 15l, 1½l. L Codd at Evesham. Tote: £4.80; £1.60, £1.70, £2.80. DF: £7.30. CSF: £11.76. Tricast: £60.87. 4min 15.90sec.

3.45 (1m) 1, COLLINS AVENUE (M Hills, Evens fav); 2, Good Profile (K Darley, 100-30); 3, Rousitto (R Cochrane, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Bid For Elegance, 9 Step High, 16 Old Peg, 20 Admirals Seat (4th), 25 Mr Rainer, 33 De La Billiere (6th), Mizyan (5th), Tapestry Dancer, Zaniska. 12 ran. 3l, 1l, 1½l, 3½l, 8l. B Hills at Manton. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £1.60, £4.10. DF: £3.10. CSF: £4.98. 1min 45.82sec.

4.15 (5f) 1, AMRON (N Carlisle, 20-1); 2, Eager Deva (S Perks, 14-1); 3, Gemini Fire (Dean McKeown, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 jt-fav Respectable Jones, The Shanahan Bay, 13-2 Joe Sugden (5th), Kristis Girl, 8 Access Travel, 10 Sloe Berry, 12 Love Legend (6th), 14 Master Pokey, 16 Languedoc, 20 Waverley Star (4th). 13 ran. ¾l, 3l, 1l, sh hd, ¾l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £22.60; £5.80, £4.30, £4.90. DF: £193.70. CSF: £244.62. Tricast: £3,613.77. 1min 03.76sec.

Placepot: £331.40.

Newbury

Going: good (back straight good to soft)

2.0 (2m 4f 120yd hdle) 1, SOUND OF JURA (C Llewellyn, 11-1); 2, Unshakeable (A Adams, 3-1); 3, Hand Bash (E Byrne, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Par For The Course (6th), 4 Boom Time, 12 Avonburn (4th), Country Member (ur), 14 Kaharoa, Queen Of Sparta (5th), 20 Bald Joker, Royal Flamingo, 33 Oaklawn Bridge (pu), Anna Valley, Another Sword, Nonsuch Hero, 50 In The Zone, Monty's Gift (pu), Raglan Road. 18 ran. ¾l, 10l, 4l, 12l, 8l. T Forster at Letcombe Bassett. Tote: £18.10; £3.80, £2.20, £6.70. DF: £26.10. CSF: £45.44.

2.30 (3m 2f 82yd ch) 1, AQUILIFER (P Scudamore, 11-10 fav); 2, Envopak Token (D Murphy, 7-2); 3, Sunbeam Talbot (R Dunwoody, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Bumbles Folly (5th), 7 Salehurst (6th), 8 Blue Dart (4th). 6 ran. 8l, 1½l, 20l, 7l, 10l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £2.00. DF: £3.70. CSF: £5.16.

3.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, PEGWELL BAY (J Railton, 2-1); 2, Sire Nantais (P Scudamore, 13-8 fav); 3, Midnight Train (B de Haan, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Thar-An-Bharr (5th), 10 Certain Style (4th). 5 ran. Sh hd, 1½l, 30l, 8l. T Forster at Letcombe Bassett. Tote: £2.90; £2.20, £1.10. DF: £2.60. CSF: £5.60. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.30 (2m 4f 120yd hdle) 1, EVERALDO (R Dunwoody, 9-4 fav); 2, Glenbrook d'Or (L Harvey, 33-1); 3, Spartan Times (J Railton, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Jet, 15-2 Some Day Soon (6th), 9 Onaway, 10 Mr Flutts (pu), 12 Ossyage, 14 Muscleton (4th), 16 Back From The Dead (5th), Berryfell, 20 Achill Island, Ferrystream, 25 The Putney Lark, 33 Athos (pu), Colonel Kenson, Gratuity, Stone Forest, Western Breeze, Wadswick Lady (f). 20 ran. 3l, 3½l, 2l, 20l, 3½l. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £3.10; £2.00, £30.10, £2.90. DF: £215.80. CSF: £87.08.

4.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, GIVUS A BUCK (P Holley, 15-2); 2, Whatever You Like (R Dunwoody, 6-4 fav); 3, Popeswood (M Richards, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Fiddlers Three (6th), 8 Dare Say (pu), 9 Granny Pray On (5th), 14 Side Of Hill (pu), 20 Saffron Palm (f), 33 Plastic Spaceage (4th), 66 Baby Sigh (pu). 10 ran. 1½l, 8l, 4l, 2½l, 20l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £8.40; £2.20, £1.60, £1.60. DF: £9.10. CSF: £18.62.

4.30 (2m 100yd hdle) 1, TORWADA (J Twomey, 11-10 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Star Season (M A FitzGerald, 4-1); 3, Five Lamps (D Meredith, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Badrakhani (5th), 10 Salamander Joe (4th), 25 Combined Exercise (6th). 6 ran. 6l, 20l, 1l, 5l, 25l. B Curley at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20; £1.70, £2.20. DF: £4.30. CSF: £6.16.

Jackpot: Not won (Pool of £2,759.60 carried forward to Newbury today).

Placepot: £26.10.

Ludlow

Going: good

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, Galagames (A Tory, 6-1); 2, Emerald Moon (33-1); 3, Slvia (6-1). Albertito 6-4 fav. 17 ran. NR: Priceless Fantasy. 6l, nk. R Hodges. Tote: £8.60; £2.10, £4.00, £1.60. DF: £131.70. CSF: £153.51.

2.0 (2m ch) 1, Wide Boy (B Powell, 5-1); 2, Royal Cracker (4-1); 3, Kissane (50-1). Clever Folly 3-1 fav. 7 ran. NR: Skylark Wonder. 1½l, 15l. P Bailey. Tote: £8.60; £3.10, £3.30. DF: £16.10. CSF: £21.96. Tricast: £672.99.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, Parsons Law (N Williamson, 5-2); 2, Sharpridge (100-1); 3, Mayoran (9-4 fav). 11 ran. 8l, 2½l. J Edwards. Tote: £3.30; £1.10, £9.70, £1.50. DF: £203.00. CSF: £126.73.

3.0 (2m hdle) 1, Grouseman (G Bradley, 11-4); 2, Uncle Mogy (4-1); 3, Cabin Hill (7-2). Sassy Bonne 5-2 fav. 15 ran. 3½l, 1l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £2.20, £1.80. DF: £10.20. CSF: £12.95.

3.30 (3m ch) 1, Busted Spring (Mr C Stockton, 50-1); 2, King Neon (4-5 fav); 3, Konrad Wolf (4-1). 13 ran. Sh hd, 15l. A Millard. Tote: £42.40; £8.00, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £89.40. CSF: £86.57.

4.0 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Southover Lad (S Burrough, 11-4 fav); 2, Welshman (13-2); 3, Far Out (66-1); 4, Beekman Street (7-1). 17 ran. 4l, hd. D Barons. Tote: £6.00; £1.80, £1.60, £20.80, £3.00. DF: £13.80. CSF: £21.60. Tricast: £929.79.

Placepot: £169.30.

Blinkered first time

DONCASTER: 3.40 Laird Of Balmoral. 5.15 Letterewe. LINGFIELD PARK: 2.10 Iron Red. 4.10 Erik Odin.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Leicester, Folkestone, Hexham.

TUESDAY: Sandown Park, Leicester.

WEDNESDAY: Catterick Bridge, Worcester.

THURSDAY: Brighton, Taunton, Southwell.

FRIDAY: No racing.

SATURDAY: Kempton Park, Haydock Park, Newcastle, Carlisle, Southwell, Towcester, Newton Abbot, Plumpton.

(Flat meetings in bold)

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Favoured low draw points to Selaah's chance in Lincoln

By MANDARIN
(MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

DURING the past ten years a low draw has been preferable at Doncaster for the William Hill Lincoln Handicap whenever the going on the straight mile course has been as yielding as it is likely to be today.

It was my intention to go for Lord of Tusmore, who came to hand early last season and won at the corresponding meeting before scaling greater heights at Newbury in the autumn.

However, I cannot countenance his chance now that he is being drawn in stall 21. So I have switched my nap to the ante-post favourite, **Selaah**, who has an ideal draw, only four places away from the far rails.

Arany, Linpac West, Karazan and St Ninian are other fancied runners in the lower half of the draw.

Michael Stoute makes no secret of the fact that Selaah's preparation has been as thorough as it has been satisfactory. He is also happy with the current state of the ground for this finely-bred four-year-old by Rainbow Quest out of Marwell. As Selaah also won first time out last season, he obviously comes to hand with the minimum of fuss.

Arany, who should have benefited from a warm-up in public during that charitable occasion at Cheltenham eight days ago, and Karazan, who has been gelded since last season, are outsiders of note.

If Lord Of Tusmore fails on account of the draw, his trainer Barry Hills can derive consolation by saddling **Bandol** to win the Doncaster Exhibition Centre Maiden Stakes in the hands of Pat Eddery. My selection is a promising half-brother to that fast horse Gallic League by Blakeney.

As far as the Tetley Bitter Stakes is concerned, it should be worth taking a chance with that good horse of yesteryear **Mountain Kingdom**, who is now trained by David Elsworth, more especially since Steve Cauthen has been booked for the ride.

Mountain Kingdom looked on good terms with himself when he contested a hurdle race at Newbury earlier this month, even though he eventually parted company with his rider.

Tinkler: Newbury raid with consistent Kaleidos

Palace Street, my selection for the Cammidge Trophy, seems likely to relish the softish ground better than most of her rivals.

Lester Piggott has chosen to desert Doncaster in order to ride for the first time on Lingfield's Equitrack. **La Masaas** (2.10) can reward his decision even if Countess Of Poland and Busted Rock fail to beat **Green's Bonheur** (1.40) and **Lots Of Luck** (3.10) respectively.

On the jumping front at Newbury, I fancy **Chatam's** chance of winning the Brown Chamberlain Handicap Chase, even though the handicapper has had an opportunity to reassess him since he ran away with the Cathcart Challenge Cup at Cheltenham nine days ago.

Devil's Valley, who ran the race of his life to finish fourth in the Arkle Challenge Trophy at Cheltenham, looks capable of defying top weight in the *Racing Post* Novices' Chasers Series Final.

Kaleidos, trained in Yorkshire by Nigel Tinkler, would appear to have as good a chance as any in the Highland Spring Handicap Hurdle.

Course specialists

NEWBURY: Trainers: M Pipe, 22 winners from 69 runners, 31.9%; G Harwood, 4 from 13, 30.8%; M Robinson, 3 from 11, 27.3%; M Francis, 4 from 20, 20.0%; N Twiston-Davies, 3 from 15, 20.0%; O Sherwood, 23 from 118, 19.5%. Jockeys: P Holley, 7 winners from 34 rides, 20.6%; P Scudamore, 43 from 213, 20.2%; M Perrett, 15 from 75, 20.0%; J Osborne, 13 from 67, 19.4%; R Dunwoody, 42 from 224, 18.8%; A Adams, 3 from 17, 17.6%. *(Not including yesterday's results).*

BANGOR

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Nadiad. 2.30 Goadby Venture. 3.0 Sweet City. 3.30 Rambling Song. 4.0 Fire At Will. 4.30 Riverside Boy. 5.0 Dakyns Boy.

By Thunderer

2.0 Nadiad. 2.30 Pic Negre. 3.0 Into The Glen. 3.30 Rambling Song. 4.0 Kameo Style. 4.30 Bowlands Way. 5.0 Dakyns Boy.

Going: soft (heavy patches) SIS

2.0 PENLEY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,463: 2m) (17 runners)

1 2436 DAWAAM 7 (B,D) B Wilkinson 5-11-12 — R Hodge (7)
2 2PP2 NADIAD 22 (D,G) D McCain 5-11-12 — Mr D McCain (7)
3 29- BOBBY ON THE BANK 184F M O'Neill 5-11-6 — M Moloney (5)
4 2 BORN WITH A VEIL 26 M Pipe 5-11-6 — J Lower
5 030 NOBLE SON 54 Mrs N Sharpe 5-11-6 — M Bosley
6 40-P OVER THE STYX 135 G Richards 5-11-6 NON-RUNNER
7 084- RISK FACTOR 39F D Moffatt 5-11-6 — D J Moffatt (7)
8 F000 THE BANK F Jordan 5-11-6 — J Lodder (3)
9 PP-6 TORRANCE 28 Mrs J Wonnacott 7-11-6 C Dempsey (7)
10 5626 FAST CRUISE 11 E Owen jun 5-11-1 — D Skyrme (3)
11 U MAIRS GIRL 8 Mrs J Evans 9-11-1 — —
12 F PRINCESS PAMPLONA 7 J Bukovets 5-11-1 — D Gallagher
13 0-00 ROYAL CELT 5 R Francis 7-11-1 — Martin Jones (3)
14 P00F ABSOLATUM 52 Grenville Richards 4-10-12 — B Powell
15 60 ERCALL MILLER 66 K White 4-10-12 — V Smith
16 56 HOMING RUN 40 B Preece 4-10-12 — A Juckes (5)
17 ED'S GAMBLE D Burchell 4-10-12 — D J Burchell

7-4 Nadiad, 5-2 Born With A Veil, 9-2 Fast Cruise, 7-1 Dawaam, 10-1 Bobby On The Bank, 16-1 others.

2.30 CROSS LANES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,945: 2m) (15)

1 U160 REEF LARK 19 (CD,S) F Jordan 8-12-0 — J Lodder
2 -P14 PONTEVECCHIO BELLA 10 (B,D,S) R Juckes 5-10-8 — A Juckes
3 2645 SHELLY'S FOLLY 10 Mrs G Jones 6-10-7 — P Ward
4 5332 PIC NEGRE 17 S Norton 4-10-6 — J Callaghan
5 335P FEARSOME 19 (S) Mrs J Wonnacott 5-10-3 S Donohoe
6 05F4 BADGERS GIFT 33 (V) T Caldwell 5-10-1 — R Hodge
7 -005 VICTORY WIND 26 T Morton 5-10-1 — V Slattery
8 -006 DONNA'S TOKEN 53 (B) M Brown 5-10-1 — D Meredith
9 P630 SHEIKH'S PET 37 (B) Mrs J Wonnacott 5-10-0 — C Dempsey
10 0000 FINE WARRIOR 58 (B) W Clay 4-10-0 — R Bellamy
11 P06 GOADBY VENTURE 28 Miss S Wilton 4-10-0 S Davies
12 6606 PUNKIE 46 R Dickin 5-10-0 — Martin Jones
13 P60 BOXING MATCH 21 R Eckley 4-10-0 — R Boucher
14 000P MARLBOROUGH LADY 49 Mrs A Knight 5-10-0 — D Matthews
15 P000 STORM JIB 26 B Preece 4-10-0 — Judy Davies

7-2 Pic Negre, 4-1 Pontevecchio Bella, 9-2 Goadby Venture, 5-1 Reef Lark, 6-1 Shelly's Folly, 8-1 Fearsome, 10-1 others.

3.0 HARRISON HEDGE-HOPPERS NOVICES CHASE (£2,748: 2m) (9)

1 0-F4 CHARLOTTE'S OLIVER 86 J Mackie 8-11-4 — D Shaw
2 0856 GOOD CAUSE 56 (F,S) Miss S Wilton 7-11-4 — S Davies (3)
3 452/ INTO THE GLEN 826 W A Stephenson 8-11-4 C Grant
4 30/P PASSO ALL'ERTA 7 P Cowley 8-11-4 — D Skyrme (3)
5 66-0 SEVERN INVADER 125 R Dickin 8-11-4 — B Powell
6 3-F2 SWEET CITY 8 (V,S) G Richards 6-11-4 — N Doughty
7 6P-P THE HUCKLEBUCK 25 R Dickin 8-11-4 — S Earle
8 20P0 TRIBAL RULER 19 (G) D McCain 6-11-4 — G Bradley
9 4/UP TEMPORARY AFFAIR 14 R Francis 7-10-13 — R Bellamy (3)

1-2 Sweet City, 5-1 Into The Glen, 8-1 Good Cause, 12-1 Charlotte's Oliver, 16-1 Tribal Ruler, 20-1 others.

3.30 ALTHREY WOODHOUSE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,403: 2m 4f) (5)

1 02P- FIELD CONQUEROR 369 (B,D,S) M Bradstock 10-12-8 — P Niven
2 1400 SKIPPING TIM 10 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 12-11-1 — J Lower
3 1124 TACTICO 26 (B,C,D,BF,F,G,S) J J O'Neill 9-11-0 — G Bradley
4 /2-1 RAMBLING SONG 21 (D,G,S) T Forster 11-11-0 — J Railton
5 1-00 PEOPLE'S CHOICE 18 (D,F) W A Stephenson 6-10-0 — C Grant

5-4 Rambling Song, 9-4 Tactico, 3-1 Skipping Tim, 8-1 Field Conqueror, 12-1 People's Choice.

4.0 MILES MACADAM NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,116: 3m) (16)

1 2FF1 BARKIN 8 (D,S) G Richards 8-11-10 — N Doughty
2 2U12 FIRE AT WILL 60 (S) T Forster 8-11-7 — J Railton
3 -243 BRONZE EFFIGY 7 (G,S) Mrs G Jones 9-11-1 — R Bellamy (3)
4 PPP3 FARNWORTH 24 (G,S) G Moore 8-11-0 — G Bradley
5 0042 INK SPLASH 71 (BF,F,G) W A Stephenson 7-10-13 — C Grant
6 06P2 SMITHY BEAR 7 (B,S) W Price 9-10-11 — P Barnard (3)
7 6032 NOEL LUCK 8 (S) Mrs S Oliver 11-10-10 — Jacqui Oliver
8 3P43 SHEEPHAVEN 60 T Etherington 7-10-4 — R Supple
9 R032 KAMEO STYLE 14 (F,G,S) F Jordan 8-10-1 J Lodder (3)
10 0-P6 KILFORD 26 P Ransom 11-10-0 — —
11 0P60 TRUE FAN 113 T Caldwell 8-10-0 — Peter Caldwell
12 PPP4 BRIGAND GIRL 4 Mrs J Evans 9-10-0 — D Skyrme (3)
13 3324 TARA BOY 14 R Francis 8-10-0 — R Bellamy (3)
14 P-PP STEEL PROGRESS 8 (B) C Broad 8-10-0 — Martin Jones (3)
15 -004 MELBAC 52 G Ham 7-10-0 — B Powell
16 P65- SAINTLY PATH 367 (B) J Mackie 8-10-0 — D Shaw

7-2 Fire At Will, 9-2 Barkin, 6-1 Kameo Style, Farnworth, 8-1 Bronze Effigy, Ink Splash, 10-1 Smithy Bear, 12-1 others.

4.30 LIGHTWOOD GREEN NOVICES HURDLE (£1,463: 3m) (12)

1 6011 BOWLANDS WAY 8 (D,G,S) G Richards 7-12-3 — N Doughty
2 3111 RIVERSIDE BOY 15 (D,G,S) M Pipe 8-12-3 M Foster (7)
3 -P04 BEN HEAD 94 (S) T Forster 9-11-5 — C Llewellyn
4 0-34 CEVA PARK 119 R Earnshaw 6-11-5 — S Mason (7)
5 4023 EXPRESS REALE 21 (S) T Thomson Jones 6-11-5 — P Barnard (3)
6 P000 IORWERTH 58 E Owen jun 6-11-5 — D Skyrme (3)
7 0PF0 JURANSTAN 16 (S) C Tinkler 6-11-5 — S Earle
8 0006 KILLESHIN 32 K Burke 5-11-5 — R Supple
9 60 METEORS WAY 29 D McCain 6-11-5 — P Niven
10 PADDINGTON BEAR T Tate 7-11-5 — G Bradley
11 0/F- BALLY REBEL 385 Grenville Richards 7-11-0 B Powell
12 0-00 MOYA'S GIRL 59 K Owen 7-11-0 — D Gallagher

7-4 Riverside Boy, 5-2 Bowlands Way, 7-2 Ben Head, 6-1 Express Reale, 10-1 Paddington Bear, 14-1 others.

5.0 GRUNWICK STAKES (National Hunt flat race: £2,088: 1m 4f) (16)

1 1-3 DAKYNS BOY 92 (S) J Edwards 6-12-3 Mr A Farrant (7)
2 0 BRENDIUM 14 R Waley-Cohen 5-11-10 P Thompson (7)
3 SHOTIVOR I Jones 5-11-10 — M Hood
4 00 SPY'S DELIGHT 15 Mrs A Hewitt 5-11-10 — Martin Jones (3)
5 SULLIVANS CHOICE R Francis 5-11-10 — R Bellamy (3)
6 TIBER RUN T Tate 5-11-10 — B McGill (3)
7 YOUNG PARSON E Owen jun 5-11-10 — D Skyrme (3)
8 LET ME FINISH D McCain 5-11-5 — Mr D McCain (7)
9 ANGLESEY SEAMIST E Owen jun 4-11-2 — Mr R Hewitt
10 0 JOE QUALITY 54 B Preece 4-11-2 — A Juckes (5)
11 LLACCA SAM M Eckley 4-11-2 — J Lodder (3)
12 MURPHAIDEEZ R Earnshaw 4-11-2 — S Mason (7)
13 DENT'S ORIGINAL M Brown 4-10-11 — D Meredith (7)
14 GARDA KATE T Tate 4-10-11 — W Fry (7)
15 MISS CORVARO J Wainwright 4-10-11 — M Carter (7)
16 00 PIERS DELIGHT 17 B Wilkinson 4-10-11 — R Hodge (7)

6-4 Dakyns Boy, 5-1 Tiber Run, 8-1 Murphaideez, Let Me Finish, 10-1 Garda Kate, Miss Corvaro, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 22 winners from 52 runners, 42.3%; G Ham, 7 from 20, 35.0%; Mrs S Oliver, 8 from 34, 23.5%; G Richards, 19 from 83, 22.9%; J Edwards, 18 from 84, 21.4%; J Mackie, 5 from 27, 18.5%.

JOCKEYS: C Grant, 12 winners from 29 runners, 41.4%; N Doughty, 12 from 36, 33.3%; J Lower, 5 from 16, 31.3%; P Niven, 4 from 15, 26.7%; G Bradley, 8 from 33, 24.2%; A Juckes, 3 from 14, 21.4%.

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

1.40 Green's Bonheur. 2.10 La Masaas. 2.40 Matomani. 3.10 Lots Of Luck. 3.40 Windsor Park. 4.10 Halvoya.

By Thunderer

1.40 Green's Bonheur. 2.10 Iron Red. 2.40 Camden's Ransom. 3.10 Busted Rock. 3.40 Windsor Park. 4.10 Erik Odin.

Going: standard SIS

Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best

1.40 LANCASTER MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,325: 6f) (6 runners)

1 000- LUCAYA 157 (B) B Gubby 9-0 — T Williams 5
2 220- QUINZII MARTIN 208 M Prescott 9-0 — G Duffield 1
3 44-3 COUNTESS OF POLAND 22 (F,BF) Mrs L Piggott 8-9 — L Piggott 3
4 2 GREEN'S BONHEUR 15 (BF) P Cole 8-9 — G Hind (3) 2
5 0- SUNLEY SPARKLE 140 M Channon 8-9 — W Newnes 4
6 40-0 THEPRINCESSOFSPEED 7 R Thompson 8-9 . A Fortis 6

6-4 Green's Bonheur, 3-1 Countess Of Poland, 4-1 Quinzii Martin, 6-1 Sunley Sparkle, 16-1 others.

2.10 MOSQUITO CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,369: 5f) (8)

1 540- NORTHERN CONQUEROR 156 (D) T Naughton 9-2 — D Holland (5) 7
2 0-14 LA MASAAS 15 (C,D,BF,F) P Haslam 9-0 — L Piggott 3
3 -505 TODAY'S FANCY 19 (B,D) Pat Mitchell 8-6 — Ron Hills (3) 5
4 0540 PENGERAPH 16 (V) P Howling 8-5 — Debbie Biggs (7) 1
5 -652 IRON RED 32 (B) M Jarvis 8-4 — N Day 2
6 452- ROSY BAKER 159 W G M Turner 8-2 — T Williams 5
7 010- TRALEE MAIDEN 139 (D,F) N Callaghan 8-0 — B Crossley 4
8 0553 MISDEMEANOURS GIRL 16 M Channon 7-13 — S Wood (3) 8

7-4 La Masaas, 7-2 Tralee Maiden, 5-1 Iron Red, 6-1 Today's Fancy, 10-1 Northern Conqueror, 14-1 others.

2.40 BEAUFORT HANDICAP (£3,243: 1m 2f) (5)

1 000/ DR BULASCO 1245 (G,S) D Murray Smith 7-9-10 — W Ryan 5
2 11-4 CAMDEN'S RANSOM 18 (CD,F) M Fetherston-Godley 4-9-3 Dale Gibson 3
3 3/00 EAGLES LAIR 14 D Marks 5-9-1 — S Dawson 1
4 0-50 MATOMANI 11 D Murray Smith 4-8-0 — T Williams 4
5 -401 BONDAID 11 (CD) J White 7-7-7 — R Price (5) 2

Evens Camden's Ransom, 3-1 Bondaid, 6-1 Matomani, 8-1 Eagles Lair, 10-1 Dr Bulasco.

3.10 HALIFAX HANDICAP (£6,985: 1m 4f) (8)

1 1242 DR MACCARTER 18 (B,CD,BF) W O'Gorman 4-10-0 — W Newnes 1
2 3105 BANKROLL 35 (C,F) C Cyzer 4-8-11 — A Morris (7) 4
3 20-3 BUSTED ROCK 7 (C,D,F,G) Mrs L Piggott 6-9-6 — L Piggott 8
4 60-1 LOTS OF LUCK 7 (F,G) J Pearce 8-9-4 . D Holland (5) 6
5 5712 SCOTONI 14 (CD,BF,F) R O'Sullivan 5-9-1 D Biggs (5) 7
6 -611 STRAIGHT LACED 7 (B,G) J Scargill 4-8-13 . W Ryan 3
7 05/5 CURIOUS FEELING 11 J Bosley 5-7-6 — N Adams 5
8 0-53 KOVALEVSKIA 16 (C,D,F,G,S) D Wilson 6-7-7 — S Wood (3) 2

7-2 Busted Rock, 4-1 Lots Of Luck, 9-2 Dr Maccarter, 5-1 Straight Laced, 6-1 Scotoni, 8-1 Bankroll, 14-1 others.

3.40 WELLINGTON CLAIMING STAKES (£2,477: 1m 5f) (9)

1 88 BUCKINVILL 14 Mrs B Waring 7-8-7 — N Howe 7
2 5-22 FIRST STAGE 35 I Campbell 4-8-7 — L Piggott 9
3 SECURITY ALERT 86J D Murray Smith 5-8-7 W Ryan 1
4 26-0 SONAR 20 Pat Mitchell 5-8-7 — Ron Hills (3) 5
5 4624 WINDSOR PARK 11 (C,BF,G) R O'Sullivan 5-8-7 — D Biggs (5) 4
6 6001 NOCTURNAL REVERIE 11 (C) T Naughton 4-8-6 — D Holland (5) 2
7 2203 CUT A CAPER 21 (C,F) R O'Sullivan 8-8-5 T Williams 3
8 60-0 CAROUSEL MUSIC 46 (F) J Akehurst 4-8-4 — S O'Gorman 6
9 0-60 KACHINA MAID 11 (F) Mrs A Knight 6-8-4 S Wood (3) 8

5-2 First Stage, 7-2 Windsor Park, 9-2 Carousel Music, 6-1 Nocturnal Reverie, 8-1 Cut A Caper, 12-1 others.

4.10 STIRLING HANDICAP (£2,456: 6f) (6)

1 3216 JOVIAL KATE 21 (C) M Usher 4-9-10 — N Adams 4
2 3621 EVER SO ARTISTIC 18 (V,C) P Howling 4-9-9 — W Newnes 6
3 -003 ERIK ODIN 21 (E,C) Mrs L Piggott 4-9-3 — L Piggott 3
4 0065 HALVOYA 28 (C,D,F,G) J Spearing 8-9-0 . G Bardwell 1
5 2104 INSWINGER 18 (CD) W Wightman 5-8-9 — T Williams 2
6 0421 SOBERING THOUGHTS 7 (B) D Chapman 5-8-5 — S Wood (3) 5

2-1 Erik Odin, 5-2 Halvoya, 4-1 Ever So Artistic, 6-1 Sobering Thoughts, 10-1 Inswinger, 12-1 Jovial Kate.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 8 winners from 26 runners, 30.8%; W O'Gorman, 11 from 43, 25.6%; N Callaghan, 6 from 24, 25.0%; D Murray Smith, 10 from 52, 19.2%; C Cyzer, 3 from 17, 17.6%; R O'Sullivan, 7 from 47, 14.9%.

JOCKEYS: G Duffield, 19 winners from 95 rides, 20.0%; S O'Gorman, 12 from 61, 19.7%; N Day, 8 from 41, 19.5%. (Only qualifiers).

DONCASTER

Going: good to soft (round course); soft (straight) SIS

Draw: 5f-7f, high numbers best; 1m, low numbers best

2.0 EBF GREY FRIARS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,733: 5f) (7 runners)

1 (7) AHURA (A Boots) N Tinkler 9-0 — Kim Tinkler —
2 (2) AUCTION KING (D Tass) A Smith 9-0 — S Webster —
3 (5) COURT ROOM (K Higson) Denys Smith 9-0 — B Rouse —
4 (6) EASTLEIGH (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 9-0 — S Perks —
5 (1) GONE BROKE (P Savill) M W Easterby 9-0 — K Darley —
6 (4) PARIS HOUSE (P Chandler) J Berry 9-0 — J Carroll —
7 (3) FORTINA (E Bell) D Moffatt 8-9 — J Quinn —

BETTING: 2-1 Paris House, 5-2 Ahura, 7-2 Court Room, 6-1 Eastleigh, 8-1 Gone Broke, 20-1 others.

1990: SOUTH CROFTY 9-0 A Munro (7-1) W O'Gorman 12 ran

2.30 DONCASTER EXHIBITION CENTRE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,950: 7f) (11 runners)

1 (11) BANDOL (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0 — Pat Eddery —
2 (2) HERRIDGE (R Hannon) R Hannon 9-0 — B Rouse —
3 (3) MAPATO (P Jacobs) N Graham 9-0 — W R Swinburn —
4 (5) OVERATIM (Mrs P White) Mrs N Macauley 9-0 — L Dettori —
5 (5) ROYAL OBERON (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 — T Quinn —
6 (1) TBAB (M Obaida) C Brittain 9-0 — M Roberts —
7 (7) THE YELLOW VEST (M Old) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 — Dean McKeown —
8 (4) ANGEL LOVE (Y Nasib) P Kelleway 8-9 — A Cruz —
9 (6) BLUE TOPAZE (M Saunders) D Elsworth 8-9 — J Hunter (7) —
10 (9) QUIETLY IMPRESSIVE (C Wates) M Bell 8-9 — M Hills —
11 (10) TUDOREALM (L Ward) D Elsworth 8-9 — J Williams —

BETTING: 11-4 Bandol, 4-1 Royal Oberon, 5-1 Tudorealm, 6-1 Angel Love, 7-1 Tbab, 10-1 Herridge, 12-1 The Yellow Vest, 14-1 Blue Topaze, 16-1 others.

1990: IKBAIS 9-0 M Roberts (9-1) R Boss 9 ran

3.0 TETLEY BITTER STAKES (£14,100: 1m 4f) (7 runners) C4

1 (2) 115164- LIFT AND LOAD 133 (CD,F,G,S) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 4-8-13 — B Rouse 92
2 (3) 420080- MOUNTAIN KINGDOM 22J (D,F,G,S) (D Thompson) D Elsworth 7-8-12 S Cauthen ● 99
3 (6) -4418/0- ROUYAN 22J (S) (Darlam Racing) R Simpson 5-8-12 — A Tucker —
4 (4) 12/1480- ROYAL BOROUGH 278 (D,G) (Tow-Star Ltd) M Naughton 5-8-12 — L Dettori 71
5 (7) 03530-1 AIR MUSIC 11 (A Richards) C Brittain 4-8-10 — M Roberts 98
6 (1) 4112- THE LIQUIDISER 282 (D,F,S) (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 4-8-10 — S Perks —
7 (5) 112144- WARM FEELING 276 (D,G) (R Upton) B Hills 4-8-10 — M Hills 89

BETTING: 9-4 Mountain Kingdom, 5-2 Lift And Load, 7-2 Warm Feeling, 6-1 Air Music, 14-1 Rouyan, 16-1 The Liquidiser, 20-1 Royal Borough.

1990: CHARMER 5-8-12 M Roberts (100-30) C Brittain 5 ran.

FORM FOCUS LIFT AND LOAD 12l 4th to Azzaam in valuable November handicap over course and distance (good to soft); earlier beat Spinning 1½l in a listed race over course and distance (good) in September.

MOUNTAIN KINGDOM 30l last of 7 to Ile De Nisky in Cumberland Lodge at Ascot (1m 4f, good to firm); better judged on 3½l 3rd to Charmer in Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury (1m 5f 60yd, good to firm).

ROYAL BOROUGH 13l 8th of 17 to Hateel in Ascot (1m 4f, firm) handicap. AIR MUSIC, fair form in decent company last term, easily beat Shout Out 8l at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f). THE LIQUIDISER 3l 2nd to Glowing Star at Leopardstown (1m 6f, good to firm); previously beat Larraca ¾l at Killarney (1m 3f, good to firm). WARM FEELING never dangerous 22l 4th of 11 to River God in a listed race at Ascot (2m 45yd, firm) in June; better judged on 8l defeat of useful Traingiot (rec 13lb) at Chester (1m 4f 65yd, good). Selection: LIFT AND LOAD

3.40 WILLIAM HILL LINCOLN HANDICAP (£45,877: 1m str) (25 runners) C4

1 (4) 113- SELAAH 233 (D,F,G) (Sheikh A Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-10 . W R Swinburn 83
2 (12) 025010- ARANY 166 (D,S) (Mrs P Kalman) M Tompkins 4-9-4 — R Cochrane 89
3 (1) 1-21046 VANROY 14 (V,C,D,F,G,S) (D Garrad) J Jenkins 7-9-1 (7ex) — J Williams 87
4 (13) 500312- LEPOUSHKA 125 (D,G) (Mrs C Collins) P Hill (Ire) 5-8-13 — J Reid 97
5 (14) 404460- LINPAC WEST 133 (D,S) (Linpac Group Ltd) W Elsey 5-8-12 — K Fallon 89
6 (21) 220210- LORD OF TUSMORE 169 (CD,F) (W Said) B Hills 4-8-12 — W Carson 94
7 (3) 004030- KARAZAN 166 (D,F,G) (J Dick) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-11 — B Raymond 90
8 (25) 600000- ABSONAL 149 (D,F) (Capt R Hornall) R Hannon 4-8-11 — Pat Eddery 88
9 (5) 104030- LOCAL LASS 166 (G) (A Notman) C Brittain 4-8-11 — M Roberts 86
10 (16) 424110- GULMARG 168 (D,F,G) (Lord Vestey) H Candy 4-8-10 — C Rutter 86
11 (7) 130100- ST NINIAN 163 (CD,F,G,S) (Lady Murless) M H Easterby 5-8-10 — M Birch 86
12 (17) 643-450 BREEZED WELL 63 (F,G) (Shadowfax Racing) C Allen 5-8-10 — M Tebbutt 91
13 (9) 00/522-5 LAIRD OF BALMORAL 22 (B,D,S) (Gymcrak Plc) M H Easterby 4-8-9 K Darley 88
14 (20) 46005-1 THAT'S THE ONE 7 (F,S) (Lord Matthews) J Etherington 5-8-9 (7ex) N Connorton 92
15 (22) 62233-2 LANGTRY LADY 14 (D,F,S) (Mrs T Baron) M Ryan 5-8-6 — N Gwilliams (5) 93
16 (24) 32216- ARABAT 149 (D,F,S) (Mrs H Wane) K McCauley 4-8-8 — Dean McKeown 90
17 (19) 0000-30 DAWN SUCCESS 14 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs C Paterson) C Brittain 5-8-5 . B Doyle (5) 94
18 (2) 112230- BAND ON THE RUN 203 (F,G) (D Allen) B McMahon 4-8-4 — L Dettori 82
19 (10) 100000- FARM STREET 168 (D,S) (L Sainer) P Walwyn 4-8-1 — G Baxter 96
20 (6) 100000- FOX CHAPEL 142 (D,F,S) (A Budge Ltd) R Hannon 4-8-1 — G Carter 86
21 (23) 1-91111 AMENABLE 14 (D,F,G) (W Spink) T Barron 6-8-1 (7ex) — Alex Greaves (3) ● 99
22 (15) 064050- EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 134 (D,F,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-7-13 S Maloney (5) 93
23 (11) 410100- YOU KNOW THE RULES 140 (D,F,G) (J Harwood) M Channon 4-7-13 J Quinn 89
24 (18) 460045- PLATONIQUE 95 (CD,F,G,S) (P Thompson-Hill) Mrs J Ramsden 4-7-12 A Munro 97
25 (8) 20-4426 SHINING JEWEL 7 (D,F) (E Eldin) E Eldin 4-7-12 — J Lowe 93

BETTING: 5-1 Selaah, 13-2 Lord of Tusmore, 12-1 Absonal, 14-1 Dawn Success, 16-1 Amenable, Arany, 18-1 Platonique, Gulmarg, St Ninian, 20-1 Lepoushka, Karazan, You Know The Rules, 25-1 others.

1990: EVICHSTAR 6-7-12 A Munro (33-1) Jimmy Fitzgerald 24 ran

FORM FOCUS SELAAH finished 4th, beaten 2¼l, promoted to 3rd in valuable Schweppes Golden Mile at Goodwood (1m, firm) with DAWN SUCCESS (14lb better off) ½l 7th; previously beat Bridal Toast 1½l at Newbury (1m, good to firm).

ARANY made all to beat Halston Prince 2½l on penultimate start at Ayr (1m, soft). LEPOUSHKA 2l 2nd to The Caretaker in listed race at Leopardstown (7f, yielding to soft). LORD OF TUSMORE beat Unknown Quantity 1½l on penultimate start in valuable Courage Handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm). THAT'S THE ONE beat Hisky short-head at Southwell (AW, 7f) with SHINING JEWEL (1lb better off) 9¾l 6th. FARM STREET dropped down the weights since short-head defeat of Samsova at Epsom (1m 110yd, good to soft) in June. AMENABLE completed four-timer on all-weather with 1½l defeat of LANGTRY LADY (4lb worse off) at Lingfield (1m) with VANROY (4lb worse off) 4l 6th and DAWN SUCCESS 10th.

Selection: FARM STREET

Selections

By Mandarin
2.00 Paris House.
2.30 Bandol.
3.00 Mountain Kingdom.
3.40 SELAAH (nap).
4.15 Palace Street.
4.45 Able Jet.
5.15 Oxbow.

By Thunderer
2.00 Paris House.
2.30 Bandol.
3.00 Lift And Load.
3.40 St Ninian.
4.15 SAVAHRA SOUND (nap).
4.45 Reshift.
5.15 Native Mission.

By Michael Seely
3.40 SELAAH (nap). 5.15 Santaray.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
3.00 Air Music. 3.40 SELAAH (nap). 4.15 Crosby.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 AMENABLE.

4.15 CAMMIDGE TROPHY (Listed race: £14,100: 6f) (7 runners) C4

1 (5) 001400- SAVAHRA SOUND 133 (D,F,G,S) (A Budge Ltd) R Hannon 6-9-9 — W Carson 97
2 (4) 201112- NORTHERN GODDESS 175 (D,F,G) (N Harris) I Balding 4-9-4 — R Cochrane 96
3 (1) 041051 CROSBY 14 (B,D,F,G,S) (R Balderson) P Kelleway 5-9-2 — Pat Eddery 89
4 (2) 046100- LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 175 (B,D,F) (S Roots) Mrs N Macauley 5-9-2 L Dettori 72
5 (7) 404230- PALACE STREET 133 (D,G,S) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 4-9-2 — J Williams 95
6 (6) 3103- THE AUCTION BIDDER 133 (S) (Heathavon Ltd) R Hollinshead 4-9-2 W R Swinburn 90
7 (3) 4/20005- TIGANI 192 (D,F,S) (Capt. M Lemos) C Brittain 5-9-2 — M Roberts ● 98

BETTING: 11-4 Northern Goddess, 3-1 Savahra Sound, 7-2 Palace Street, 5-1 Tigani, 10-1 The Auction Bidder, 25-1 Letsbeonestaboutit, 50-1 Crosby.

1990: MAC'S FIGHTER 5-9-2 Pat Eddery (7-4 fav) W O'Gorman 7 ran

FORM FOCUS SAVAHRA SOUND 4½l 4th to Flower Girl at Baden-Baden (6f, good) in August. NORTHERN GODDESS 10l 2nd to Ron's Victory in King Diadem Stakes at Ascot (6f, good to firm); previously beat Case Law 3l in group III Phoenix Sprint Stakes at Phoenix Park (6f, good).

CROSBY beat Super One neck in Lingfield claimer (AW, 7f). LETSBEONESTABOUTIT showed last form when winning Redcar (6f, firm) handicap in August by 1½l from La Belle Vie. PALACE STREET 1½l 3rd to Fire The Groom on penultimate start in listed race at Ascot (1m, good); previously 2l 2nd to Anshan at Goodwood (7f, good). THE AUCTION BIDDER 1½l 3rd to Katies First in listed race over course and distance (good to soft) with PALACE STREET (2lb better off) 7½l 9th and SAVAHRA SOUND 10th. TIGANI 4½l 5th to Rivers Rhapsody in listed race here (5f, good). Selection: NORTHERN GODDESS

4.45 PEOPLE-SPORTING LIFE CHAMPIONSHIP HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,208: 7f) (9 runners) C4

1 (8) 1120- ITSAGAME 296 (C,F) (P Chakko) S Dow 9-7 — S Cauthen 93
2 (9) 361413- NO HARD FEELINGS 144 (D,F,G,S) (P Savill) N Tinkler 9-7 — K Darley 96
3 (1) 0210-0 RESHIFT 127 (C,G) (Lady D'Avigdor-Goldsmid) M Bell 9-5 — J J O'Dwyer (7) 95
4 (4) 123212 ABLE JET 11 (B,D,F,S) (S Roots) Mrs N Macauley 9-5 — A Munro ● 99
5 (6) 416050- SIR BANCROFT 146 (F) (D Price) E Eldin 8-11 — L Dettori 90
6 (5) 150-0 WILD PROSPECT 24 (G) (G Dyson) C Tinkler 8-5 — M Birch 86
7 (2) 203442- BOLD SPARK 154 (D) (Mrs B Southern) Mrs J Ramsden 7-10 — J Lowe 93
8 (3) 0036- GREY RECORD 146 (M Brittain) M Brittain 7-9 — D Wright (7) 93
9 (7) 004400- DREAM CARRIER 131 (Mrs J Regter) R Hannon 7-8 — N Carlisle 90

BETTING: 7-2 Able Jet, 5-1 No Hard Feelings, 11-2 Bold Spark, 6-1 Sir Bancroft, Reshift, 8-1 Itsagame, Wild Prospect, 10-1 Dream Carrier, 16-1 Grey Record.

1990: OUR VISION 8-6 M Roberts (14-1) C Brittain 17 ran

FORM FOCUS ITSAGAME never dangerous 14l 7th to Balwa in listed National Stakes at Sandown (5f, good to firm); previously beat Athenian King 3l at Pontefract (6f, firm).

NO HARD FEELINGS staying-on 2l 3rd to Westfield Moves in valuable nursery at Redcar (1m, good); beat Richmond ½l in nursery at Ayr (1m, heavy). RESHIFT 16l 7th to Brockette in group III race at Milan (1m, heavy); previously beat Collins Avenue 2l in maiden here (6f, good). ABLE JET got up in closing stages to beat Peidersmich a neck in claimer at Lingfield (AW, 7f). SIR BANCROFT beat Premier Royale 2½l in maiden at Pontefract (6f, good to firm) in June; latest well beaten 14th behind Scottish Castle in nursery at Leicester (7f, soft). WILD PROSPECT got up close home to beat Lucky Manley a neck in maiden at Carlisle (6f, good). BOLD SPARK 2½l 2nd to Fabricious in seller at Catterick (7f). Selection: ITSAGAME

5.15 MARCH MAIDEN STAKES (£3,340: 1m 6f 127yd) (18 runners)

1 (1) 002000- GRACE CARD 95 (G Farndon) R Hollinshead 5-9-0 — S Perks 72
2 (11) SANTARAY 8J (S Taberner) J Mackie 5-9-0 — M Birch —
3 (15) 2/ STAR PLAYER 14J (Kingsley Holidays Ltd) J Baker 5-9-0 — L Dettori —
4 (9) CORLY SPECIAL 25J (P Brazier) L Codd 4-8-11 — J Quinn —
5 (17) 0/ ENDOLI 504 (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-8-11 — M Roberts —
6 (12) FINELY BALANCED 35J (Albury Racing Ltd) R Curtis 4-8-11 — J Lowe —
7 (7) 0/0- MARLINGFORD 28J (J Law) Mrs J Jordan 4-8-11 — A Culhane 81
8 (13) 0623- MIDDAY SHOW 178 (Bingdon Builders Ltd) J Jenkins 4-8-11 — G Baxter —
9 (18) 03042-4 MISSISSIPPI BEAT 60 (V) (M O'Grady) M Naughton 4-8-11 — K Fallon 71
10 (4) 0/0323- MODEST HOPE 301 (J McManamon) G Eden 4-8-11 — A Munro 96
11 (6) 35- NATIVE MISSION 21J (A Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-11 — B Raymond ● 99
12 (2) 306022- OXBOW 8J (A Spence) R Akehurst 4-8-11 — Pat Eddery 96
13 (14) 3636-40 RAW TALENT 2 (D Badham) J Jenkins 4-8-11 — J Williams 79
14 (8) 0232- RHODES 52J (The Krads Partnership) J Akehurst 4-8-11 — T Quinn 90
15 (3) 305502- SOUTER'S HILL 12J (I Anderson) T Craig 4-8-11 — D Nicholls 86
16 (10) 20-P504 UNTITLED 32 (J Hills) J Hills 4-8-11 — T Overall (7) 82
17 (16) WHITE FEN (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 4-8-11 — J Reid —
18 (5) 55/ LETTEREWE 8J (B) (E Vestey) G Pritchard-Gordon 5-8-9 — R Cochrane —

BETTING: 7-2 Oxbow, 9-2 Native Mission, 11-2 Marlingford, 7-1 Rhodes, 8-1 Endoli, 10-1 Modest Hope, 14-1 Souter's Hill, 16-1 Raw Talent, 20-1 Grace Card.

1990: RUSTINO 4-8-11 K Hodgson (7-4 fav) A Robson 9 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
N Graham	5	17	29.4	S Cauthen	45	227	19.8
M Stoute	22	99	22.2	W Carson	43	255	16.9
M Bell	3	14	21.4	A Munro	14	91	15.4
H Candy	6	32	18.8	Pat Eddery	32	212	15.1
B Hills	23	158	14.6	R Cochrane	26	193	13.5
P Cole	8	60	13.3	B Raymond	16	134	11.9

(Not including yesterday's results)

NEWBURY

Selections

MANDARIN: 1.30 Devil's Valley. 2.5 Kaleidos. 2.40 Woodland Flower. 3.15 Chatam. 3.55 Ambrose. 4.25 Capsize. 4.55 Eric's Train. 5.25 Bardesan.

THUNDERER: 1.30 Gold Haven. 2.5 Tomahawk. 2.40 Hopeful Alda. 3.15 Chatam. 3.55 City Kid. 4.25 Peaty Glen. 4.55 Mountain Master. 5.25 Wild At Heart. MICHAEL SEELY: 3.15 Chatam.

Going: good SIS

***1.30 RACING POST NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE FINAL* (£7,340: 2m 4f) (13 runners)** BBC1

101 6-F01U4 DEVIL'S VALLEY 11 (B,S) (Mrs A Galvanoni) Mrs J Pitman 8-12-0 — M Bowlby 91
102 3FB1-5P STRONG GOLD 7 (B,F,S) (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-6 — B de Haan —
103 631211 MERRYMOORE 78 (D,G,S) (G Borski) G Moore 8-10-2 — M Dwyer 88
104 0641-01 GOLD HAVEN 59 (G) (Pell-mell Partners) K Bailey 7-10-2 — A Tory ● 99
105 31F201 BANTEL BUCCANEER 14 (D,G,S) (B Brandon) K Oliver 9-10-0 — T Reed 98
106 111333 PINEMARTIN 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Martin) G Richards 8-10-0 — L O'Hara (3) 94
107 631445 ARCTIC TEAL 25 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs P Robeson) O Sherwood 7-10-0 — M Richards 96
108 61312F BOLD MONK 7 (V,D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Cottle) D Barons 9-10-0 — N Hawke 92
109 4-52142 PUNCHING GLORY 23 (S) (V Barclay) N Henderson 7-10-0 — R Dunwoody 82
110 510942 BIGNOR HILL 7 (F) (M Pinto) J Gifford 8-10-0 — D Murphy —
111 626FF2 PARADISE PARK 32 (Parallx Tapes & Conversions Ltd) J Gifford 7-10-0 — E McKinley 91
112 00-1335 D'OR'S GEM 28 (D,F,G) (South Cheshire Ltd) P Bevan 8-10-0 — T Wall 89
113 54F031 TIPPING TIM 14 (D,S) (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 8-10-0 — P Scudamore 78

Long handicap: Pinemartin 9-12, Arctic Teal 9-12, Bold Monk 9-6, Punching Glory 9-5, Bignor Hill 9-1, Paradise Park 9-1, D'Or's Gem 9-0, Tipping Tim 8-6.

BETTING: 7-2 Devil's Valley, 5-1 Merrymoore, 13-2 Gold Haven, 7-1 Pinemartin, Bantel Buccaneer, 9-1 Arctic Teal, 12-1 Strong Gold, Tipping Tim, 14-1 Punching Glory, 16-1 others.

1990: SWORD BEACH 6-10-9 L Wyer (100-30) M H Easterby 9 ran

FORM FOCUS DEVIL'S VALLEY creditable 17l 4th behind Remittance Man at Cheltenham (2m, good to soft); previously led from 2 out to beat Sea Island 8l at Fontwell (2m 2f 110yd, good to soft) with PUNCHING GLORY (34lb better off) 13l 4th.

STRONG GOLD easily beat The Shiner 10l in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (3m, good to firm) in April; pulled up behind Beau Charm at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, soft). MERRYMOORE finished alone at Newcastle last time; beat Roy's Dream 10l at Carlisle (2m 4f, heavy) penultimate start. GOLD HAVEN beat Dr Rocket 1l at Wolverhampton (2m, good). BANTEL BUCCANEER stayed on to beat Warwick Suite 5l at Ayr (2m 4f, soft). PINEMARTIN completed five-timer when beating Aldra Bond a nk at Bangor (2m 4f, good); latest 7½l 3rd to Magwood at Ayr (2m 4f, soft). ARCTIC TEAL left clear to beat Close Escape 20l at Leicester (2m 4f, good to soft). TIPPING TIM got up in closing stages to beat BOLD MONK (15lb better off) ¾l at Chepstow (2m 4f, soft). Selection: DEVIL'S VALLEY

***2.5 HIGHLAND SPRING HANDICAP HURDLE* (4-Y-O: £8,916: 2m 100yd) (10 runners)** BBC1

201 21112 TIM SOLDIER 14 (BF,D,S) (Pipe Scudamore Racing Plc) M Pipe 11-10 P Scudamore 94
202 121512 KALEIDOS 26 (BF,D,F,S) (J Henderson (Gateshead)) N Tinkler 11-7 — G McCourt 93
203 641321 ALL WELCOME 12 (D,G,S) (Lionville Builders Ltd) G Moore 11-2 — M Dwyer 95
204 610 TOMAHAWK 9 (D,S) (C Saunders & Partners) R Holder 10-13 — N Mann 90
205 41 GREAT SIMPLICITY 26 (D,S) (M Burt) R Akehurst 10-12 — L Harvey 92
206 12 EASY BUCK 64 (D,G) (Burford District Laundry Co Ltd) N Gaselee 10-11 . A Adams 93
207 1431F3 MARINERS MIRROR 14 (D,G) (Mrs M Scudamore) M Scudamore 10-11 — S McNeill ● 99
208 F626 JAILBREAKER 14 (P Tosh) B Millman 10-3 — N Coleman 96
209 04224 LAND AFAR 21 (V) (Mrs D Watts) J O'Shea 10-2 — J Bryan 94
210 01 WYLAM 19 (V,D) (Mrs J Wootton) M Tompkins 10-0 — T Kent (7) 97

Long handicap: Wylam 9-11.

BETTING: 7-2 Tomahawk, 5-1 Tim Soldier, All Welcome, 7-1 Kaleidos, 8-1 Great Simplicity, Easy Buck, 12-1 Mariners Mirror, 16-1 Jailbreaker, 20-1 others.

1990: SWIFT WATERS 4-11-10 M Pitman (7-2) Mrs J Pitman 12 ran

FORM FOCUS TIM SOLDIER 1½l 2nd to Bifocal at Chepstow (2m, soft) with MARINERS MIRROR (8lb better off) 10l 3rd and JAILBREAKER (21lb better off) 11½l 6th; previously beat Jane Craig a sh hd at Southwell (AW, 2m).

KALEIDOS ¾l 2nd to Logamimo in Edinburgh (2m, good to soft) handicap. ALL WELCOME beat Souter's Hill 3l at Ayr (2m, soft); previously creditable 6l 2nd to useful Reve De Valse at Haydock (2m, soft).

TOMAHAWK tailed off the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, good); earlier is better judged on previous easy 12l beating of Longdrum at Worcester (2m, soft). GREAT SIMPLICITY beat Bas De Laine 12l at Lingfield (2m, heavy). EASY BUCK creditable 12l 2nd to useful Silken Fan at Kempton (2m, good); beat Logical Lady ¾l on Hereford (2m, good) debut where MARINERS MIRROR (9lb better off) held every chance when falling 2 out.

LAND AFAR 13½l 4th of 10 to Pashto at Newbury (2m 100yd, good to soft). WYLAM beat Tara's Delight 6l in a Southwell (AW, 2m) claimer. Selection: ALL WELCOME (nap)

2.40 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES ONLY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE FINAL (£8,767: 2m 4f 120yd) (14 runners) BBC1

301 40101 CHICHELL'S HURST 24 (B) (D) (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 5-12-0 — A Carroll 90
302 6/443-1 CHURCH LEAP 64 (G) (Bloxford Ltd) K Bailey 7-11-12 — A Tory 88
303 63-1126 HOPEFUL ALDA 14 (D,S) (P Moriarty) Mrs A King 6-11-9 — J Shortt 86
304 006-145 BERESFORDS GIRL 63 (F) (Beresford Mills) R Holder 6-11-6 — N Mann 85
305 164-U46 MAYFAIR MINX 56 (F) (Mrs M Wilson) S Christian 7-11-2 — M Perrett 84
306 60-2532 PURPLE SILK 11 (Mrs E Owen) E Owen 7-11-2 — G McCourt 90
307 000-020 WICKET 56 (J Wilkinson) M Wilkinson 6-10-13 — P Scudamore 85
308 532252 GLADTOGETIT 12 (T Webley) D Gandolfo 5-10-11 — B Dowling 98
309 00025 GRAY'S ELLERGY 16 (W Dore) D Gandolfo 5-10-11 — R Dunwoody 86
310 0035 FROZEN FLAME 14 (Mrs D Edwards) B McMahon 6-10-10 — T Wall 88
311 122-F34 FLAKEY DOVE 7 (F) (J Price) R Price 5-10-2 — — ● 99
312 0FF0U5 WOODLAND FLOWER 18 (Mrs J Dibben) Mrs R White 6-10-1 — S McNeill 86
313 0F-F0P0 HI BOOTS 21 (Mrs R Wilson) P Jones 6-10-0 — M Kinane 82
314 000413 SNOWY AUTUMN 4 (D Sharpe) J Old 7-10-0 — W McFarland 86

Long handicap: Hi Boots 9-7, Snowy Autumn 9-5.

BETTING: 9-2 Church Leap, 5-1 Gray's Ellergy, 6-1 Hopeful Alda, Gladtogetit, 13-2 Woodland Flower, 9-1 Mayfair Minx, 10-1 Purple Silk, 12-1 Chichell's Hurst, 14-1 others.

1990: REACH ME DOWN 5-10-8 W McFarland (7-1) G Balding 11 ran

FORM FOCUS CHICHELL'S HURST beat Karenda 1l at Wetherby (2m 4f, soft) with PURPLE SILK (5lb better off) 3l 3rd. CHURCH LEAP beat Ikhaad 3½l at Kempton (3m, good).

PURPLE SILK ¾l 2nd to Annicombe Run at Sedgefield (2m 4f, good to soft). GLADTOGETIT 2l 2nd to Driver on penultimate start at Worcester (2m 4f, soft) with FROZEN FLAME (1lb better off) 10l 3rd with FLAKEY DOVE fell 2nd and WOODLAND FLOWER unseated rider 2 out. WOODLAND FLOWER badly hampered 8th when running-on 12½l 5th of 25 to Just As I Am at Warwick (2m 5f). Selection: WOODLAND FLOWER

3.15 BROWN CHAMBERLIN HANDICAP CHASE (£5,803: 3m) (9 runners)

401 //11F-44 TEN OF SPADES 40 (D,F,G,S) (W Whitbread) N Henderson 11-12-0 — R Dunwoody 84
402 2F12-11 CHATAM 9 (C,F,G,S) (Dr B Nolan) M Pipe 7-11-8 — P Scudamore 87
403 F4-P6PP BISHOPS YARN 9 (D,G,S) (B R B Owners Group (1990) Plc) G Balding 12-11-5 R Guest —
404 355-263 SOLIDASAROCK 14 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (L Randall) R Akehurst 9-11-0 — L Harvey 88
405 PP6-232 MWEENISH 46 (D,G,S) (P Thompson) J Webber 9-10-6 — M Lynch 82
406 0515-33 BUCKSHEE BOY 21 (C,G,S) (J Pilkington) J Pilkington 9-10-0 — D Tegg 88
407 F-P6404 CITY ENTERTAINER 21 (D,S) (J Wright) Miss H Knight 10-10-0 — B Dowling —
408 302343 JIM THORPE 14 (F,G,S) (MC Inns Ltd) G Richards 10-10-0 — L O'Hara (3) 96
409 362412 GOLDEN FRIEND 15 (CD,F,G,S) (D Meade) M Meade 13-10-0 — N Hawke ● 99

Long handicap: Buckshee Boy 9-13, City Entertainer 9-12, Jim Thorpe 9-12, Golden Friend 9-11.

BETTING: 5-2 Chatam, 7-2 Mweenish, Solidasarock, 6-1 Ten Of Spades, 10-1 Buckshee Boy, 12-1 Golden Friend, 20-1 Jim Thorpe, 33-1 City Entertainer, Bishops Yarn.

1990: TSARELLA 9-10-0 J White (Evens fav) N Henderson 6 ran

3.55 FINAL NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £2,442: 2m 100yd) (24 runners)

501 P-P ARMALA 15 (A Blackmore) A Blackmore 6-11-7 — R Boggan —
502 8 ASK FRANK 152 (Mrs S Goldblatt) G Balding 5-11-7 — R Guest —
503 6P BEDFORD BOY 114 (Mrs T Bliss) J Gifford 6-11-7 — E McKinley —
504 60 BEN ADHEM 84 (G Kidd) H Candy 9-11-7 — R Teague (7) 85
505 003/6F-5 BOLD IMP 10 (J Heritage) R Akehurst 6-11-7 — L Harvey 84
506 3P/6P6/ BOSWORTH BAY 683 (A Newton) B Smart 9-11-7 — Lorna Vincent —
507 6-0 CASTLE ORCHARD 128 (G Sheakey) P Hayward 7-11-7 — J Duggan —
508 66F62P CITY KID 21 (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 6-11-7 — D Murphy 98
509 P COLORTAG 28 (N Goymer) Miss B Sanders 5-11-7 — Dale McKeown —
510 CORBY KNOWE (R Green) J Gifford 5-11-7 — — —
511 0P0 JOSEPH 19 (P Simpson) Miss H Knight 7-11-7 — B Dowling 80
512 5 KNIGHTS 22 (P Gormley) Mrs S Oliver 5-11-7 — R Hyett —
513 25 OBIE'S TRAIN 71 (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-7 — B de Haan 82
514 F WILL SHE WONT SHE 16 (G Rooms) R Frost 5-11-2 — J Frost —
515 2 AMBROSE 17 (Mrs G J-Houghton) R J-Houghton 4-11-0 — Mr G Johnson Houghton ● 99
516 0 ASSEMBLY DANCER 150 (Miss B Palmer) D Williams 4-11-0 — D Hood (7) —
517 COLONEL SKINNER (Mrs M Crowdy) N Gaselee 4-11-0 — A Adams —
518 5 DOOLAR 24 (T Wragg) P Dalton 4-11-0 — J Quinn —
519 P EDEN'S DAWN 16 (Mrs N Duffield) Mrs P Duffield 4-11-0 — N Dawe —
520 U0 IRISH DITTY 17 (B Nuttall) K Morgan 4-11-0 — A S Smith (5) —
521 TAMARPOUR 169F (Mrs A Farrant) M Pipe 4-11-0 — P Scudamore —
522 0 WINSLOW LAD 39 (Winslow Racing) T Casey 4-11-0 — — —
523 5 KALOGY 18 (Mrs B Taylor) M McCourt 4-10-9 — G McCourt 82
524 5 KANNBANIYA 19 (Whiting Commodities Ltd) W Holden 4-10-9 — W Irvine 80

BETTING: 7-2 Tamarpour, 9-2 Knights, 7-1 Ambrose, 8-1 Obie's Train, 10-1 City Kid, 12-1 Kannbaniya, 14-1 Assembly Dancer, 16-1 Ben Adhem, Joseph, 20-1 others.

1990: MARCHMAN 5-11-7 S Smith Eccles (12-1) J King 11 ran

4.25 FINAL NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £2,425: 2m 100yd) (21 runners)

601 2 CAPSIZE 101 (Miss M Hope) Mrs F Walwyn 5-11-7 — K Mooney ● 99
602 FP GENOTIN 17 (Mrs J Elis) S Mellor 8-11-7 — M Perrett —
603 24-4064 JOLESIAN 82 (BF) (B Seal) Mrs L Clay 5-11-7 — M Richards 82
604 PP MIDNIGHT STORY 58 (BF) (Mrs D Stamp) Miss H Knight 6-11-7 — J Osborne —
605 2022-50 MR VERGETTE 14 (Mrs M Rogers) N Henderson 7-11-7 — R Dunwoody 79
606 P OPEN SESAME 17 (W Shober) M Bradstock 5-11-7 — P Holley —
607 04 PEACEMAN 19 (Sir P Gibbings) J Gifford 5-11-7 — E Murphy 85
608 0-0 PEATY GLEN 53 (M Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) G Balding 6-11-7 — J Frost —
609 00-0F PYRO PENNANT 28 (C Barry Industrial Ltd) D Wintle 6-11-7 — A Carroll —
610 30 SUNDAY PUNCH 29 (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 5-11-7 — D Murphy 98
611 5 DANZIG HARBOUR 24 (W Mellen) Miss H Knight 5-11-2 — G Upton (3) —
612 0000 ELA KOPELLA 61 (A Michael) M Muggeridge 6-11-2 — W Irvine —
613 0 MATERIAL GIRL 19 (T Egerton) N Gaselee 5-11-2 — A Adams —
614 5/00- SAPPHIRE FLIGHT 512 (R Eckley) R Eckley 6-11-2 — I Lawrence —
615 00/0 STARLACE 18 (P Hartigan) T Casey 8-11-2 — J McCarthy (7) —
616 3-0PU YORK STREET 30 (Kingsley Holidays Ltd) J Baker 8-11-2 — S Burrough (5) 95
617 3642 BEAU ROU 144 (V) (J Whelan) P Hedger 4-11-0 — D O'Sullivan (5) 91
618 CULLIN RIDGE 98F (T Vignoles) M Usher 4-11-0 — S Hands (7) —
619 OH SO FINE 170F (Whitcombe Manor Racing Stables) R Akehurst 4-11-0 — L Harvey —
620 56 PACIFIC GEM 25 (W Montgomery) S Sherwood 4-11-0 — A S Smith (5) 80
621 00 TAWJIH 19 (D Willis) M Madgwick 4-11-0 — D Madgwick (7) 86

BETTING: 3-1 Sunday Punch, 5-1 Peaty Glen, 11-2 Capsize, 8-1 Peaceman, Mr Vergette, 10-1 Beau Rou, 12-1 York Street, 14-1 Jolesian, Material Girl, 16-1 others.

1990: SULLI BOY 5-11-7 Dale McKeown (5-1) Miss B Sanders 11 ran

4.55 SPRING NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £1,463: 2m 100yd) (25 runners)

1 BISHOP'S TIPPLE (J de C Scott) C Tristine 5-11-8 — D Poole (7) —
2 BOLD BARNEY (Mrs A Steel) M Robinson 5-11-8 — G Rowe (7) —
3 BUCK THE TREND (P Jacobs) G Thorner 5-11-8 — D Bridgwater (7) —
4 CAMELOT KNIGHT (Mrs L Dresher) Miss H Knight 5-11-8 — G Upton (3) —
5 COPPER MINE (O Sherwood) O Sherwood 5-11-8 — A S Smith (5) —
6 DONT TELL THE WIFE (M Proudlock) Mrs D Haine 5-11-8 — C Huggan (7) —
7 ERIC'S TRAIN (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-8 — J Leech (3) —
8 FREIGHT KING (Air Cargo Services) Mrs D Haine 5-11-8 — — —
9 HUNTING DIARY (Mrs H Bare) G Balding 5-11-8 — R Farmer (7) —
10 MOUNTAIN MASTER (C Brasher) N Henderson 5-11-8 — — —
11 PERTEMPS JOBSHOP (Pertemps Limited) G Balding 5-11-8 — S Hodgson (7) —
12 REGENT SON (Mrs M Simpson) B Millman 5-11-8 — P Johnson (7) —
13 TREGURTHA (W Williams Turf Accountants Ltd) D Barons 5-11-8 — R Greene (5) —
14 TRYSTING GATE (Mrs J Bleall) J Edwards 5-11-8 — Mr R Davis (7) —
15 GIPSY DAWN (R Barwell) C Barwell 5-11-3 — S Clifford (7) —
16 HIGHLAND MALT (A Saxton) J Bosley 5-11-3 — Mr M Armytage —
17 METAFAN (Mrs B Bishop) M Francis 6-11-3 — Mr J Durkan —
18 CONTESTANT (Contestant Partnership) P Hedger 4-11-0 — R Goddings (7) —
19 DUTCH MONARCH (L Fuller) Miss B Sanders 4-11-0 — J Halls (7) —
20 NO HASSLE WASSL (K Clutterbuck) W Perrin 4-11-0 — S Curran (7) —
21 SAFFRON'S HEIR (M Edgington) T Naughton 4-11-0 — Mr R Teal (7) —
22 SWEET DUKE (A Mavrou) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-0 — C Maude (3) —
23 THE POINT IS (S Sills) Mrs S Minns 4-11-0 — T Cranley (7) —
24 LONESOME STEP (Mrs M Eckley) R Eckley 4-10-9 — M Courtney (7) —
25 MOHELI (B Davies) R Holder 4-10-9 — N Mann —

BETTING: 3-1 Mountain Master, 9-2 Copper Mine, 6-1 Trysting Gate, 13-2 Eric's Train, 8-1 Camelot Knight, 10-1 Pertemps Jobshop, 14-1 Sweet Duke, 16-1 Hunting Diary, 20-1 others.

1990: NORMAN CONQUEROR 5-11-8 D Gallagher (11-10 fav) T Thomson Jones 10 ran

5.25 SPRING NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £1,463: 2m 100yd) (25 runners)

1 1 GLEN MIRAGE 170 (F) (R Macauley) N Twiston-Davies 6-12-1 — C Maude (3) —
2 ASHFOLD COPSE (Mrs P Locke) G Harwood 5-11-8 — Miss A Harwood (3) —
3 BARDESAN (A Boyd-Rochfort) O Sherwood 5-11-8 — A S Smith (5) —
4 BRAMBLE TWIG (Lady E Nugent) Lady E Nugent 5-11-8 — I Shoemark (3) —
5 BRIERY HILL (Mrs R Vaughan) N Henderson 5-11-8 — J Kavanagh (3) —
6 BROADWOOD LAD (D Price) R Eckley 5-11-8 — M Courtney (7) —
7 DOVEDONS GRACE (M Whatley) J Bostock 5-11-8 — Sharon Murgatroyd —
8 FURYO BLU (Furyo Jeans Ltd) C Barwell 5-11-8 — S Foster (7) —
9 KALA KING (Mrs D Haine) Mrs D Haine 5-11-8 — C Huggan (7) —
10 MAGIC'S SON (Mrs E Moran) C C Elsey 5-11-8 — P Holley —
11 MR JAMBOREE (T Holland-Martin) R Johnson Houghton 5-11-8 Mr G Johnson Houghton —
12 PADDY'S POCKET (I Crane) K Morgan 5-11-8 — — —
13 TALBOT (T Dennis) S Sherwood 5-11-8 — G Upton (3) —
14 CAITHNESS DAWN (R Green) J Gifford 5-11-3 — G Rowe (7) —
15 IT'S DELICIOUS (Mrs T Pilkington) Mrs T Pilkington 5-11-3 — D Cooney (7) —
16 JOANEY HOW (P Prior-Wandesforde) J Roberts 6-11-3 — S Burrough (5) —
17 WILD AT HEART (T Hyde) Miss H Knight 5-11-3 — Miss C Hyde (7) —
18 MARTRAJAN (Mrs J Chambers) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0 — J Leech (3) —
19 ROYAL SEGOS (Mrs N Duffield) Mrs P Duffield 4-11-0 — Mr J Durkan —
20 SIR WINNIE (J Whelan) P Hedger 4-11-0 — D O'Sullivan (5) —
21 CELTIC BLOOM (Mrs R Wilson) J Webber 4-10-9 — M Field (7) —
22 CLASS MATE (R Townsend) R Townsend 4-10-9 — Mr D Townsend —
23 DIAMOND BEBE (Miss S Stokes) P Mitchell 4-10-9 — Mr R Teal (7) —
24 LOIS LANE (B R B Owners Group (1990) Plc) G Balding 4-10-9 — S Hodgson (7) —
25 TRUE MEASURE (J Window) G Balding 4-10-9 — A Le Jeune (7) —

BETTING: 11-4 Martrajan, 7-2 Ashfold Copse, 9-2 Briery Hill, 6-1 Glen Mirage, 8-1 Lois Lane, 10-1 Talbot, 12-1 Caithness Dawn, 14-1 others.

1990: MAYFAIR MINX 6-10-10 M Mcgonagle (5-1) S Christain 7 ran

IOC delegates seeking change in South Africa

COMMENT

DAVID MILLER
CHIEF SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The International Olympic Committee here in Geneva has shown, through the Olympic Games in Seoul, that is has the capacity to assist in the harmonisation of world affairs. It is about to attempt an even more important role in South Africa, which has not taken part in an Olympic Games since 1960 and was finally suspended from membership in 1970 for its racist inhumanities.

The weight of the IOC as a world organisation has immeasurably grown since that day in Amsterdam 21 years ago when South Africa was thrown out. The international sporting boycott, meanwhile, has caused immense pain to the government and to the white minority of that country, and helped force its hand in liberalisation. The IOC delegation of the Apartheid and Olympism Commission, which left here for Johannesburg last night, can now help bring together the ranks of President F. W. de Klerk and Nelson Mandela.

The delegation is led by Judge Kaba M'Baye, for 18 years president of the Supreme Court in Dakar, Senegal, and now judge at The Hague International Court. Before departing, M'Baye, entrusted with a critical role in sporting history by Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, said: "I am hopeful that we are going to be able to discuss the situation with the highest authorities. It would be premature to say that South Africa may participate in the Olympic Games next year, because that is very close, and the situation does not depend on the IOC.

"It depends on the normalisation of laws in South Africa, and for the organisation of sport there to become unified. The latter is already in progress and, for example, the creation of an interim National Olympic Committee of South Africa is an excellent development – a historic decision that will have a certain weight during forthcoming developments.

"At every stage, we in sport have to judge what can be done to help accelerate (social) changes. Any step that can be seen to be helpful should be taken." The inference of this last comment is that the IOC may be willing to accept the reintroduction of South Africa to the Olympic family in advance of total unification in governing bodies of all South African sports.

The delegation led by M'Baye includes Jean-Claude Ganga, of Congo, for so long one of the most radical anti-apartheid activists with the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa *before* he became an IOC member in 1986; General Henry Adefope, of Nigeria; Kevan Gosper, of Australia, an IOC vice-president; Edwin Moses, representing the Athletes Commission; and Maitre Francois Carrard, an emminent Swiss lawyer who is now director-general of the IOC. Also attending are the commission's special advisors, Lamin Ba, of Cameroon and Fekrou Kidane, an exiled Ethiopian.

An absentee is Sam Ramsamy, the former Durban teacher now living in London and for 20 years a continuous needle in South Africa's side as a representative of the politically-orientated South African Non-Racial Committee. Ramsamy has considered there was a conflict of interest in his pursuit of the position of chairman of the interim NOC, to which he was unanimously elected by all sides last week. Whether his new post is also interim remains to be seen.

Gosper, who for uniformity made the long trip from Melbourne to Johannesburg via Switzerland, said last night: "I feel there is a possibility that South Africa could be seen in Barcelona next year, if we can return from Johannesburg with constructive proposals." Gosper hosted a business dinner for Nelson Mandela on his visit to Australia three months ago, and is optimistic that the commission will be able to talk with both de Klerk and Mandela, even though the ANC leader is at present under instruction to rest for the sake of his health.

Various indications suggest, given the termination of race laws by de Klerk in June, that Black Africa is ready to endorse a decision by the IOC to readmit South Africa at its session at Birmingham, also in June. The African football federations (CAF) are considering the possibility of South Africa being host for the nations championship of 1996, following Senegal next year and Zaire in 1994.

The readmission of South Africa as participants, eagerly awaited because of the huge funds available within South African football, is to be debated soon by the CAF executive. Primo Nebiolo, the president of the International Amateur Athletics Federation, has stated that the re-admission of South Africa could be rushed through, contrary to the IAAF's constitutional regulations, in order for them to be present at the world championships this coming autumn, and IAAF delegates are said to be in South Africa this coming week simultaneously with the IOC commission.

The last visit by the IOC to South Africa was in 1967, led by Lord Killanin, the year before the Olympic Games in Mexico City. It served only to harden the IOC's attitude of South African exclusion: four black members of the commission were humiliatingly treated by white functionaries.

Throughout the boycott years, some white-organised sports worked overtime to integrate with the black community, but remained frustrated in their attempt to retain international relations by the intransigent race laws that govern the country. Moreover, even when sports such as football, athletics and boxing achieved a high degree of racial integration, political strategists kept moving the goalposts of exclusion. Rebel critic and rugby tours merely intensified radical action that, by now, had the backing of the United Nations. There is no doubting that the medium of sport will have helped to fashion the face of South Africa and the IOC is now rightly seeking to press home the advantage in one of white South Africa's most sensitive areas.

RUGBY UNION

Recall for Redman as Bath go in search of revenge

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THIS time last year Nottingham cast a long shadow over club rugby in England. It was not that they were in danger of winning the Courage Clubs Championship, but they proved, by beating Bath, Harlequins and Gloucester, to be spoilers *par excellence* and without their co-operation, Wasps would not have become champions.

Wasps are now one of three clubs hoping Nottingham can do it again, by beating Bath at Beeston today. If that were to happen, then the first division would be wide open again, having looked a closed shop before Christmas. Orrell and Wasps, assuming they both win, against Gloucester and Northampton respectively, would begin to fancy their chances, and, depending on the result of their game at Welford Road today, Leicester or Harlequins would renew their hopes.

Nottingham, moreover, are at full strength, which is more than can be said for several clubs this weekend, various players having succumbed to the lure of fifteen, ten, or seven-a-side rugby in Hong Kong. The objective for Nottingham throughout the season has been a place in the top four of the first division – they lie in seventh position this morning – although they have already achieved a place in the last four of the Pilkington Cup.

They have chosen to drop that consistent, all-round forward, Peter Cook, in favour of Greg Koral at blind-side flanker, which would be a relief to Bath were they not aware that Alan Davies, the Nottingham coach, knows his business as well as anyone. "We have not won at Nottingham since 1984," Richard Hill, the Bath and England scrum half, said.

"Obviously our failure last year is preying on all our minds. We have got to try and play it wide so that their forwards cannot have too much influence . . . and then we have got to stop Simon Hodgkinson kicking goals."

Bath, having omitted Nigel Redman for the league game against Wasps, which they lost, recall the England lock in preference to Damian Cronin, of Scotland, in the knowledge that a defeat, and an Orrell victory, would mean the Lancashire club going top on points difference.

Not many clubs win at Kingsholm, but Orrell will be reasonably confident of doing so despite the loss of Steve Taberner, their full back, with damaged ribs. Gloucester are without Mike Teague and Ian Smith, both in Hong Kong, and Simon Morris, their promising centre.

Their weakened condition is as nothing compared to Harlequins, however, who have given four players to the Barbarian VII, one to the ten-a-side tournament in Hong Kong and have Simon Halliday ineligible for league duty and Paul Ackford on holiday.

Wasps, meanwhile, welcome back Chris Oti against Northampton. The wing has been away for the best part of five months, recovering from a ruptured Achilles tendon, but if, during the remainder of the season, he can recover something like his best form, then the possibility of a place in England's World-Cup squad is not beyond him.

At the other end of the table, defeat for Liverpool St Helens at Rosslyn Park will signal the end of their first-division hopes. They have yet to win a league game this season, and though they came within a couple of points of doing so against Nottingham a fortnight ago, they face an unenviable task today.

Moseley, one place above them, have concealed their hand by naming a 20-strong squad for the encounter with Bristol, who did the same before Moseley beat them in the fourth round of the cup in January.

☐ Barry Evans, the Leicester wing capped by England in 1988, will miss the rest of the season after an operation on the ankle which has limited him to ten games this season.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Gloucester v Orrell
Mogg, the veteran wing, returns to centre for Gloucester who field Miles and Stanley in their back row. Cusack replaces the injured Taberner as the Orrell full back and Ashurst is preferred at flanker.

Leicester v Harlequins
Poole replaces the injured Johnson in the second row of Leicester, with Rowntree at prop and Key on the wing. Harlequins are missing a complete threequarter line and half their first-choice pack, where Wood and France play lock.

Moseley v Bristol
Moseley have named a squad of 20, including Harcastle and Kerr (both stand-offs) and Linnett and Purdy, returning from injury. Bristol, without Reece, play Horrobin at flanker.

Nottingham v Bath
Gray and Hodgkinson return from international duty to boost Nottingham, though there is a doubt over Hackney's fitness. Bath prefer Redman to Cronin at lock but rest Adebayo, the wing, and play Fallon.

Rosslyn P v Liverpool SH
Brooks has recovered from injury to play No. 8 for Rosslyn Park, who field Jermyn rather than Holder at stand-off. Liverpool hope that backs Nick Simms and Wellens pass fitness tests.

Wasps v Northampton
Wasps give McCormack a rare senior outing at loose-head prop and Childs replaces the unavailable Lozowski at centre. Northampton, missing Hunter, Rodber and Olver, bring Ebsworth in at full back, Hall to second row and Roworth to hooker.

Sevens up: Sole, of Scotland, enjoys a training session for the Hong Kong event

Scotland eager to succeed

From TOM CLARKE IN HONG KONG

IF THE fields of Melrose and Hawick are the spiritual homes of seven-a-side rugby, then Hong Kong is its razzle-dazzle world showpiece. Which is why John Jeffrey and his Scotland squad have a particular determination to win the Hong Kong sevens this weekend – and become the first team from the British Isles to succeed here since the 1981 Barbarians.

Jeffrey is captain and coach, and he has six other full caps in Scott Hastings, Sole, White, Chalmers, Stanger and Oliver, plus two B internationals in Nichol and Kirkpatrick.

"They've all looked very sharp in training here," Graham Young, their manager, said, "and we're keen to do well, although we have to recognise the talents of the southern hemisphere teams, particularly the Fijians, and the efforts they have put into their preparations." Now in its sixteenth year and sponsored by Cathay Pacific and HongkongBank, the sevens has attracted 24 teams from much of the rugby world. But the British representation is limited to Jeffrey's Scots and Will Carling's Barbarians.

It is the first time the Scottish rugby union has sent a side here. Wales came last year, but they have not returned, and England are again absent. So there is some disappointment that the International Rugby Football Board has granted the inaugural World Cup for sevens to Scotland in 1993 rather than to Hong Kong, which has internationlised the mini-game.

The French also have a national team here for the first time. It is led by Mesnel and includes Saint-André, the scorer of *that* try at Twickenham last Saturday.

The French are favoured to win through to the quarter-finals with Scotland, the Barbarians ("This is the best team we have brought here in the last five years," according to Geoffrey Windsor-Lewis, their secretary), New Zealand, Australia (five times winners in Hong Kong), Western Samoa (who are bold enough to have a manageress), Argentina and Fiji (whose adventure and spirit are the essence of the sevens and who include eight of the nine players from the successful squad last year).

The curtain-raisers this week have been almost as glamorous as the main event. The ten-a-side tournament was won by the International Warblers, with Bill Calcraft and Gareth Davies among their number and Rory Underwood's RAF side among their rivals. And the South Pacific Barbarians, with Gary Whetton, Farr-Jones and Campese, beat the European Saltires 39-4 in a old-fashioned 15-a-side game.

MOTOR RACING

Senna overcomes the hazards to take pole position

From NORMAN HOWELL IN SÃO PAULO

AYRTON Senna claimed pole position once again yesterday, albeit provisionally, for tomorrow's Brazilian grand prix but not before the elements and Jean Alesi's Ferrari, had both pushed the Brazilian world champion to his limits. Senna's team-mate, Gerhard Berger, was third. Nigel Mansell, Alain Prost and Nelson Piquet make up the remaining places on the front of the grid.

"It was a lottery out there today," is what both Senna and Prost had to say, one of the rare times the two arch rivals have been in agreement in the last two years. It was, in truth, an extraordinary qualifying session, with the lead changing hand no fewer than 12 times before a lull at the 45-minute mark when Alesi held the lead until Senna's beautifully timed lap on qualifying tyres.

The Brazilian led from the start, though the conditions were so changeable that he bettered his first lap, driven in the rain, by six seconds before barely nine minutes had passed. A lottery indeed, with drivers emerging out of the pit lane and into the spray of passing cars, some with grooved wet weather tyres, others on race rubber.

The cognoscenti have always said that the best days of the race are the qualifying ones. The confirmation was this session in which driver after driver bettered the previous best times. At one stage some of the young and less experienced charges from the lower regions of the grid were occupying the first ten places. Eric Bernard in the Larrousse was for a few heady seconds the runner-up. But then, in the space of one second, he plummeted to ninth place.

Every time either Alesi, or Prost, or Mansell took a fast lap, back came Senna, snuffing out any pretention to the grid position he has made home from home, pole. But then Alesi got ahead and held on until a few minutes from the end when Senna, this time on qualifying tyres, of which drivers are only allowed to use two sets, came out and swept all before him.

Alesi was disappointed. For once the Ferrari mechanics took a little longer than usual to set up the car for the young Frenchman's fast lap. His previous fast time had been set on race rubber. But the pretender to the king's throne looked relaxed and optimistic for the race.

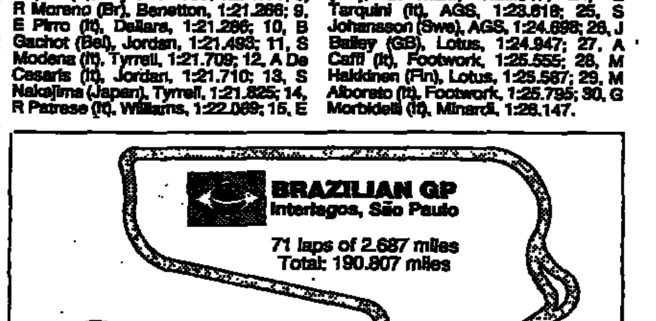
His mood was echoed by the Ferrari team, who must dent McLaren's supremacy here in Interlagos if they want to be in the same ring to trade blows with the ever improving Honda engine for the rest of the season.

Mansell spun off twice in the morning free session, damaging the undertray of both his cars. In the afternoon he used his race car, which proved to be very quick until it developed what his team calls "a few problems".

The fickle nature of the weather on this plateau, 800 metres above sea level means that today's positions may stay unchanged and that the McLaren-Honda will start the second race of the season in pole. But Senna will have to be quick off the mark as Alesi, Berger, and Mansell have a lot to prove and are ready to take chances in those heady moments when the red light dips and the green comes on.

QUALIFYING TIMES

1, A Senna (Br), McLaren, 1min 18.711sec (average speed 197.812 kph); 2, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 1:19.350; 3, G Berger (Austria), McLaren, 1:19.557; 4, N Mansell (GB), Williams, 1:20.056; 5, A Prost (Fr), Ferrari, 1:20.079; 6, N Piquet (Br), Benetton, 1:20.105; 7, I Capelli (It), Leyton House, 1:21.171; 8, R Moreno (Br), Benetton, 1:21.266; 9, E Pirro (It), Dallara, 1:21.286; 10, B Gachot (Bel), Jordan, 1:21.493; 11, S Modena (It), Tyrrell, 1:21.709; 12, A De Cesaris (It), Jordan, 1:21.710; 13, S Nakajima (Japan), Tyrrell, 1:21.825; 14, R Patrese (It), Williams, 1:22.069; 15, E Bernard (Fr), Lola, 1:22.127; 16, M Gugelmin (Br), 1:22.196; 17, J J Lehto (Fin), Dallara, 1:22.243; 18, A Suzuki (Japan), Lola, 1:22.261; 19, E Comas (Fr), Ligier, 1:22.682; 20, P Martini (It), Minardi, 1:22.852; 21, T Boutsen (Bel), Ligier, 1:23.197; 22, M Brundle (GB), Brabham, 1:23.271; 23, M Blundell (GB), Brabham, 1:23.547; 24, G Tarquini (It), AGS, 1:23.618; 25, S Johansson (Swe), AGS, 1:24.698; 26, J Bailey (GB), Lotus, 1:24.947; 27, A Caffi (It), Footwork, 1:25.555; 28, M Hakkinen (Fin), Lotus, 1:25.567; 29, M Alboreto (It), Footwork, 1:25.795; 30, G Morbidelli (It), Minardi, 1:26.147.



Army may be capable of sinking Navy

THE Army open their defence of the inter-services championship at Twickenham today with their 74th match of the series with the Royal Navy (David Hands writes). They do so in the knowledge that they are unbeaten this season and possessed of one of the most promising squads they have assembled in recent years.

The Army have won the tournament for the last three years but seven players are new to the championship, among them Andy Deans at stand-off half who has, none the less, been appointed captain. Two of the side, Tim Rodber, at No. 8, and George Graham, at loose-head prop, are accustomed to first-division club rugby, with Northampton and Stirling County respectively.

The Navy, hoping to relieve the Army of the Willis Faber Trophy at the same time, are led by Mick Reece, the flanker who has forced his way into the Bristol back row this season. Their much changed XV includes Chris Alcock in the centre rather than at full back.

☐ England seek their fifth successive win in the women's international against Wales at Waterloo tomorrow. The game, for the MacGregor Trophy, would have been played last month but for the bad weather.

England include the Mitchell twins, Emma (scrum half) and Jane (full back), both from Saracens who won the club knockout final against Richmond last weekend. Liza Burgess, who captains Saracens, also leads Wales from No. 8.

England need to adapt

GERALD DAVIES

THE international season proved to be dominated by one principal thought: was there anyone around capable of beating England?

The question was a testimony to their supremacy. Even though they had faltered in the previous two seasons, this year England confirmed their power. Their pre-eminence in Europe, galvanised by the grand slam, provides October 3, when they meet the All Blacks, with a sensational start to the World Cup.

If they have proved themselves to be the best *team* in these islands, a further test of their true ability is to set each individual player against his opposite number elsewhere. After all, very ordinary players can be gelled into a team even, for a while, at international level.

Such teams are based on personality and not necessarily on skill. Ireland can be said to be doing that a good deal of the time, although I would be far less happy to suggest as much this year.

Barring two positions, then, each English player can stand squarely on his merits. There are contestants from each of the other countries for the right wing, and a very mighty candidate from Scotland for loose-head prop, but you are hard pressed thereafter to prefer a player from another country.

For all that, there is a feeling that the whole is somewhat less than the sum of its parts.

Ireland gave England the fright of the championship. Once more, this went some way to prove that it is England's great misfortune in a four-match championship to face three teams from the Celtic fringe – teams who, in one shape or another, have a prickly historical grouse against the red rose which resurfaces annually on these spectacularly emotional occasions. Witness the last two seasons. Every drip of inspiration is sucked for all its worth.

To face France, which the other three fear on purely rugby grounds, holds no such fears for England. Perhaps, for once, old historical associations work in England's favour.

To what extent will the new playing structure, management techniques, and improved club performances come to terms with this?

Psychology plays its role for New Zealand, as it does in any sport, but their manner off the field and their play on it suggests that such encumberances do not get in the way of the rugby. They see the game in clearer terms. England's greatest victory this season was in overcoming the psychological barriers they, over the years, had largely erected for themselves. Have they now gone forever?

There is another step to be taken. England between now and the World Cup will search their relieved minds whether to play a less vigilantly controlled game. They will need to consider, if only finally to reject, a more flexible pattern. For while they know that they are New Zealand's equal in power, possession and, maybe, technique, they are not yet on a par in thinking their way through the game.

Can England provide an alternative to their game plan, as they say? Which is not to say that they should change their style simply for the sake of change. If they meet their match in the various facets up front, which they have not done hitherto, is there another option open to them? Where will the points come from if Hodgkinson is not given his prolific penalty opportunities?

The All Blacks are not so profligate in transgressing those minor technicalities which other teams seem ready to do, and have provided England with most of their points.

Mastery of collective technique, control and discipline are the hallmarks of England's success. So it is for New Zealand. Which one will have something more to offer and retain an extra tactical trick up its sleeve?

Neath feel pressure in finale to season

By GERALD DAVIES

WITH four weekends remaining of the Heineken League, the relegation and promotion matters are far from settled in any of the four divisions. Neath, who have never been off the top of the premier division this season, are being chased hard by Bridgend and, with a late surge, Llanelli.

As a result the matches today between Neath, who visit Bridgend, and Llanelli, who travel to Cardiff, are important. Victories to Neath and Cardiff, who are out of the running, could go a long way to settling matters. But were the results to go the other way, the premier division positions might not be sorted out until the last week of the championship. Three points separate them. Neath have a game in hand against Abertillery. However, because Neath remain strong contenders for the cup and, because of the snow, have a postponed fixure against Newbridge still to play, important games are squeezed into these final weeks.

Brwyn Davies, the Neath fixture secretary, said: "Had we played Newbridge when we were meant to, in February, things would be easier for us at this stage, but we have to travel there and to Pontypridd, which, depending on the date yet to be fixed, could be within a few days of each other in April."

With Neath due to play Cardiff and Llanelli at Bridgend on the final Saturday it could provide a nail-biting end to it all. The relegation battle, however, could be settled today if Pontypool win their home fixture against Glamorgan Wanderers, then the Wanderers and Abertillery will go down.

Newport, who are undefeated, look very comfortable at the top of the first division where they are two points ahead of Aberavon and South Wales Police and have two games in hand. Aberavon look likely to let their position slip tomorrow when they play Newport but are likely to recover it in three weeks when the police have to travel to Rodney Parade.

Which of these two clubs will be promoted, along with the Gwent club, is not likely to be decided until the final Saturday of the season, when the police are at home to Aberavon. Penarth remain at the bottom of the first division and have yet to win a game.

There is no relegation this year from the first to the second division, although two second division clubs will be promoted to bring the full complement in that division to ten. At the moment there are only three points separating four clubs, Dunvant, Llanharan, Mountain Ash and Blaina.

☐ The Penarth comittee has received a written request for an emergency general meeting, including proposals for reshaping the management structure.

Penarth have scored just 57 and conceded 375 points and have used more players than any other league club.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan looking to get even against Oldham

By KEITH MACKLIN

IT HAS been four years and 18 successive ties since Wigan last lost in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. Since then they have won the trophy at Wembley for a record three seasons in a row, and this afternoon in the semi-final at Burnden Park they have a double ambition, to reach Wembley for a fourth consecutive year, and to erase the memory of an unexpected 10-8 defeat against Oldham in 1987.

This afternoon Oldham, struggling against relegation in the first division, are given no chance of producing another upset, particularly with the likes of Hanley, Gregory and Edwards in vengeful mood.

Kelvin Skerrett, the Wigan front row forward, failed in his appeal against a two-match suspension and will miss the match. The Wigan scrum half, Andy Gregory, who regards Wembley as his second home, said: "Four years ago Oldham played well and deserved to win, but it's the present that matters now."

There are some important games in both divisions tomorrow. Castleford, who are hoping to take advantage of Wigan's fixture glut with a late burst to the Stones Bitter championship, are at home to St Helens and should win. Widnes, who have their captain, Tony Myler injured, visit Featherstone Rovers as they pursue the championship crown, and will be wary on the most notorious giant-killing ground in the game.

Sheffield Eagles seem doomed to relegation, but they knocked Hull out of the Challenge Cup and might put a further spoke in their championship wheel at the Don Valley stadium.

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Time to find out if Seaman is able

CLIVE WHITE

IT WAS Bob Wilson's third last game for Arsenal and he was looking forward to bidding an emotional farewell to the old enemy at Anfield when, shortly before kick-off, Bertie Mee, the Arsenal manager, asked Wilson if he would mind standing down in favour of Jimmy Rimmer, the new signing.

Wilson was incredulous. When he asked why, he was told: "We have to know whether or not this bloke can do it, so we would like to stick him in at the Kop." It was only when time had healed Wilson's deep disappointment that he recognised the wisdom of Mee's decision. As for Rimmer, he went on to enjoy two highly *successful* seasons at Highbury.

It is a tale which he thinks is of particular relevance to the England situation with regard to Chris Woods, of Rangers, and David Seaman, of Arsenal, who are currently involved in a tug-of-war over the goalkeeper's jersey.

The televison sports commentator-goalkeeping coach, who was Seaman's mentor for two years even before the Yorkshireman's record £1.3 million move to Highbury last summer, believes that the European championship qualifier against the Republic of Ireland next Wednesday at Wembley could be the right time to find out whether or not "this bloke" — Seaman — can do it.

Wilson, himself, has no doubts on that score — or "no score", as doubtless Seaman would have it. Even so, two appearances for Scotland, against Portugal and the Netherlands, were enough to advise Wilson that the international game can provide a more exacting test than that at even the highest club level.

There are exceptions, though. Like keeping goal — as Seaman had the misfortune to — against the likes of Cameroon on a February night in England when frostbite posed more of a threat than any free-kick. "If it wasn't so ridiculous I would have been angry," Wilson said. "But we had him in at training the next day and worked his backside off."

The only other international match which Seaman has started was not much more of an examination either — against Saudia Arabia in Riyadh two seasons ago. At least it was warmer.

There is a rumour — which Graham Taylor, the England manager, vehemently denied this week — that he has promised Woods that he will be back in goal against the Irish.

No-one in their right mind, probably not even the two players, wants a return to the kind of absurd duality which existed in the England team for some 10 years when Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence alternated in goal.

Sooner, rather than later, Taylor is going to have to find out who he prefers and that can only be done by playing Seaman in a game that matters.

Wilson believes that Taylor might have been able to arrive at that decision earlier had the previous regime's determination that Shilton should overhaul Pat Jennings' world record of 119 caps been less of an obsession.

"It became more important than the future of English goalkeeping," Wilson said. "The world record shouldn't have mattered. He (Shilton) shouldn't have played all the games that he did."

It was fundamentally wrong, Wilson said, that when Shilton retired, after putting up the best goalkeeping performances of the World Cup, his heirs apparent had started in just eight internationals, in the case of Woods, and two, in the case of Seaman.

For all their lack of international experience, though, both are goalkeepers of the highest quality. Woods is at some disadvantage playing in Scotland because he is not in the English public's eye whereas Seaman has seldom been out of it because of Arsenal's success.

The other side of that particular coin is that Seaman's quality has been examined in fine detail. He has not been found wanting, as 23 clean sheets in 39 games bears testimony. If consistency is the key to great goalkeeping, then Seaman has unlocked the door.

According to Wilson, only Jennings, to whom Seaman is often compared, has attained greater consistency and then only in his prime. Even the legendary Irishman himself has been impressed by Seaman whom he paid a compliment as huge as those famous hands when he said: "Seaman is capable of doing the lot. As far as I'm concerned, he just doesn't make any mistakes."

Wilson reckons that of the goals Arsenal have conceded this season only two — "maybe" — were goalkeeping errors. Seaman can *vividly* recollect each of the 13 league goals he has conceded: seven headers, three penalties and just three shots, all inside the area. "It seems the only way anybody can beat me is to get close in," he said.

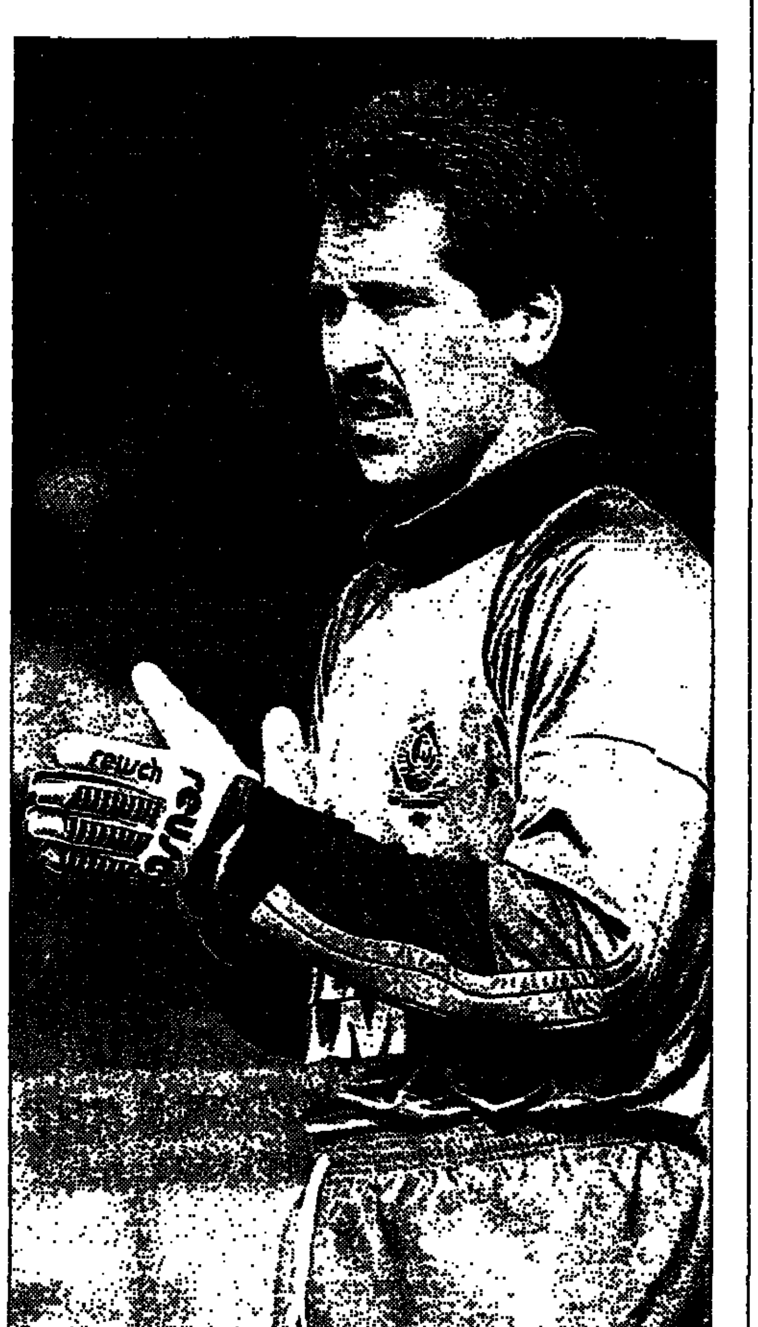
A bulk, measuring 6ft 3in and weighing 15st 1lb does not leave a lot for a poor forward to aim at. And if that is not enough to tip the scales in his favour, he has a speed and an unflappable temperament which Wilson finds particularly reminiscent of Jennings.

Arsenal have provided Seaman with the platform he has craved ever since he was asked to take his leave from the Elland Road stage eight years ago at the age of 19. His talent, if not evident to Eddie Gray, was apparent to at least one man, Bill Harvey, the physiotherapist at Peterborough United.

Seaman was little more than a makeweight in a deal which took Neil Firm, a central defender who was later to retire through injury, from Leeds to Peterborough. Harvey, who had worked with some fine goalkeepers in his time at Luton, like Ron Baynham and Jim Standen, thought he knew a good goalkeeper when he saw one.

"I've been in football 54 years and I've only ever recommended one player to the FA for representative honours — and that was David Seaman," he said.

Harvey knows who he would have in the England goal. "I've got to be careful, though, you see. I had Graham Taylor playing under me when I was manager at Grimsby and you can't kid Graham."


Safe hands: England must throw Seaman into a game that matters

TENNIS

Sabatini short of sympathy for struggling Graf

From ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
KEY BISCAYNE

IF LIFE at the top is lonely, life just over the top seems to be even lonelier for Steffi Graf. Not surprisingly, perhaps, after years of being ground into submission, no one is rushing to help her rediscover her superiority complex. Asked what Graf should do to get back to No. 1, Sabatini, her conqueror in the semi-final of the Lipton International, replied: "I don't know. That's her problem." And Sabatini, who plays Monica Seles in the final today, is Graf's doubles partner.

The Argentinian could be pardoned for her lack of concern. When the school bully has been picking on you for the last five years, it is hard to shake hands when the moment of revenge finally arrives. In 17 defeats over five years, Sabatini suffered more than most from Graf's domination and the fact that she was touted as the next world No. 1 before the German would not have eased the pain of perpetual defeat.

While Graf won nine grand slam titles, Sabatini ground away on the baseline, making a lot of money from her tennis and her range of perfumes, but very little impression on the statistics that really mattered.

Now Sabatini has won her last four matches with Graf and there was just a hint of disdain in the way she meandered through the first set of her semi-final, giving Graf a 6-0 start before coming back to win 0-6, 7-6, 6-1. The No. 3 seed won just eight points in 22 minutes, as if she wanted to find out how far she could let Graf race ahead before applying the brake.

Even in the tie-break, Graf came within two points of victory at 6-6, but a forehand which smacked the net-cord and dropped back confirmed that fate tends not to side with former champions.

The misfortune seemed to upset Graf's delicate frame of mind, and the third set disappeared in a whirlwind of errors and overhit forehands. By the end, Graf could not wait to get off court. At 0-5 down, she barely waited for the excitement of the local Hispanic community, who had cheered Sabatini's every point, to die down before starting to serve.

Graf's plight was treated more considerately, if not compassionately, by Monica Seles, her successor as No. 1 and the defending Lipton champion. But then Seles did not suffer as much as Sabatini under Graf's yoke. "It would be hard for her to change her technique after 14 years," Seles said after a run-of-the-mill 6-1, 6-3 win over Mary Joe Fernandez. "Any number of people can tell me to go to the net and volley but you have to feel it inside. You have to want to do it. It's the same for Steffi. She can change her game, go to the net more, but only if she really wants to.

"It was always going to happen. It happened to Navratilova and Evert. Someone younger and better is always coming along." Wisely, no one mentioned the name Capriati.

Seles's last encounter with Sabatini was over five sets in the final of the Virginia Slims championships, at Madison Square Garden in New York. It was the first five-set women's match since Bessie Moore beat Myrtle McAteer at the US National Championships in 1901, and Seles wore Sabatini down after three hours. Thankfully, as the Florida sun has finally made an appearance, they will not have to labour so long for victory today, in what might prove to be the dominant rivalry of 1991.

In the men's singles, Stefan Edberg joined three Americans, David Wheaton, Richey Reneberg and Jim Courier, in the semi-finals. Edberg described his 6-2, 7-6 win over Emilio Sánchez as the best match of his week. The one hiccup came when he lost his serve at 6-5 in the second set. "The sun started to go down," he explained. He might have been referring to Graf.

RESULTS: Men: Singles: Fourth round: D Wheaton (US) bt A Agassi (US), 6-0, 7-5; C Caratti (It) bt S Bruguera (Sp), 6-7, 6-3, 7-6. **Doubles: Third round:** N Broad (GB) and K Curren (US) bt P Aldrich and D Visser (SA), 6-2, 6-4. **Quarter-finals:** J Stoltenberg (Aus) and D Wheaton (US) bt A Gómez (Ec) and D Pérez (Uru), 6-4, 6-2; K Flach and R Seguso (US) bt S Casal and E Sánchez (Sp), 6-3, 6-4; W Ferreira and P Norval (SA) bt D Pate and S Davis (US), 6-2, 6-2. **Women: Singles: Quarter-finals:** M Seles (Yug) bt J Capriati (US), 2-6, 6-1, 6-4. **Semi-finals:** Seles bt M J Fernandez (US), 6-1, 6-3. **Doubles: Quarter-finals:** E Pfaff (Ger) and R Stubbs (Aus) bt J Hetherington (Can) and K Rinaldi (US), 7-6, 6-1; G Magers and R White (US) bt B Schultz (Neth) and R Fairbank-Nideffer (US), 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; G Fernandez (US) and J Novotna (Cz) bt G Sabatini (Arg) and J Capriati (US), 6-0, 4-6, 6-3.

Waddle pulls out of squad

CHRIS Waddle has reluctantly pulled out of the England squad for next week's European championship qualifier against the Republic of Ireland at Wembley. The Marseilles winger was set to defy his French club after suffering concussion in his club's European Cup win against AC Milan.

However, hours after giving England manager Graham Taylor the good news, he was forced to accept medical advice and *withdraw from the squad.*

"He had seen a doctor, who told him he would be all right to play. But he's now seen the club's specialist who said that, having had three knocks on the head, he must rest for ten days," Taylor said.

☐ Tom Boyd, the Motherwell captain and Scotland international defender, is likely to join Chelsea after his side's exit from the Scottish Cup for a fee of £650,000.

The clubs have agreed the move and Boyd, aged 25, completed talks in London yesterday with Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, and Bobby Campbell, *the manager. Motherwell play* Celtic in the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup on April 6.

Tottenham future for Gascoigne looks rosy

By CLIVE WHITE

PAUL Gascoigne's chances of playing again for Tottenham Hotspur this season yesterday improved, while those of playing for Lazio next season receded, according to Terry Venables, the Tottenham manager.

Gascoigne, he said, was "ahead of schedule" in his recovery following a stomach operation and that the club was *"being positive" about* his chances of playing in the FA Cup semi-final against Arsenal at Wembley in just over three weeks' time.

"Paul is in good spirits and is making good progress," Venables said. "If anything, he is ahead of schedule." Indeed Gascoigne would appear to be in better condition than Venables and the rest of the team, upon whom the takeover talk and FA Cup euphoria was taking its toll, the manager said, as they prepared for the game today at home to Queen's Park Rangers.

As for Gascoigne's reported move to the Italian club for £8.5 million, Venables said: "It doesn't look like anything is going to happen." But then the £20 million consortium, of which Venables is a part, and which is attempting to take over Tottenham, is committed to keeping Gascoigne.

Derby County's plight is similar. Fearful of losing Dean Saunders, among others, if they are relegated, it is 30 months since they spent a penny on a new player — unlike their fellow *relegation rivals* — as Arthur Cox, the manager, has pointed out. He is adamant Derby can stave off relegation.

"There is no talk of any surrender. The team spirit is first class and everyone is in excellent condition," he said. Results, however, do not bear that out. Derby have gone 12 matches without a win and are ten points adrift.

He has taken heart from the Sheffield United recovery and knows only too well what a boost victory over Liverpool, at the Baseball Ground, would give his team. "You think then that you can beat anyone in the country," he said.

Coventry City are among those desperate rivals of Derby who have been able to spend and yesterday Terry Butcher, the manager, completed his second big transfer in 24 hours with the purchase of Robert Rosario, from Norwich City, for £600,000.

Rosario, unlike Kenny Sansom, bought earlier from Queen's Park Rangers for £100,000, has not been signed in time to play *against* Manchester City at Highfield Road. The acquistion of Sansom, who, aged 32, is two weeks older than Butcher, took the number of players in the Coventry squad over the age of 30 to eight.

Jibes about *Dad's Army*, therefore, were only to be expected. Butcher, needless to say, does not subscribe to the theory that a player is finished when he reaches one score and ten but, nevertheless, entered into the spirit of it all. Introducing the arrivals to the media, he declared: "I'm Captain Mainwaring and this is Corporal Jones and Private Pike. We decided not to sign Sergeant Wilson."

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Chelsea v Southampton
Wilson deputises for Dixon, who has a hip injury, in the Chelsea side with Newton also called up. Southampton are set to recall Le Tissier and possibly Adams.

Coventry v Manchester C
Sansom makes his debut for Coventry. Coton has recovered from a thigh strain but Hill, signed from Bury for £200,000, is doubtful with an ankle injury. Megson is another absentee.

Derby v Liverpool
Harford returns for Derby after suspension. Hooper continues in goal for Liverpool due to Grobbelaar's wrist injury.

Everton v Nottm For
McCall is doubtful with a thigh injury, but Sharp and Sheedy return for Everton. Williams takes over from Pearce, who is suspended, in the Forest side.

Leeds v Crystal Palace
Leeds, due to play their fourth game in seven days, delay selection. Palace are unchanged.

Manchester U v Luton
United will probably start with the team that finished in France, without Ince. Farrell, 21, gets the chance to establish himself in the Luton side, after the sale of Dowie.

Norwich v Arsenal
Blades has recovered from concussion and is included in the Norwich squad. Limpar, Groves and Rocastle vie for the vacancy in the Arsenal side, after Merson's injury.

Sunderland v Aston Villa
Davenport returns for Sunderland, who are without Gabbiadini, due to a stomach strain and Ball, starting a ban. Daley is still not fit for Villa, who will also be without Yorke, his deputy.

Tottenham H v QPR
Walsh and Nayim return for Tottenham. QPR give Brevett, their latest signing, his first appearance at left back.

Wimbledon v Sheffield U
Phelan challenges for a place in a Wimbledon side which could be unchanged. Jones, a former Don, returns for United after suspension.

Second division

Blackburn v Oldham
Moran could play for Blackburn despite sporting the usual head wound. With Dobson also suspended, Hill and Sulley are drafted in as cover. Currie, who scored a treble in midweek, takes over from Moulden in the Oldham side.

Hull v West Ham
Dowie stands by to make his first appearance for West Ham even though McAvennie, Quinn and Rosenior are all available. Slater, however, is injured. Hull, who have conceded just two goals in the last five games, look set to keep faith with Buckley at centre back, even though Wilcox could be fit.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

League relies on London success

By RICHARD WETHERELL

WHEN kick-off time arrives for the game between Frankfurt Galaxy and London Monarchs tomorrow, the initial ambitions *of the World League of American* Football (WLAF) will have been realised. Their ambitious plan to introduce an intercontinental professional league is backed by 26 of the 28 National Football League (NFL) teams. With all the marketing and financial nous that implies, the WLAF has ten teams in three divisions.

Barcelona Dragons, Frankfurt Galaxy and London Monarchs form the European division. The North America West comprises Birmingham Fire, Sacramento Surge and San Antonio Riders, while Montreal Machine, New York-New Jersey Knights, Orlando Thunder and Raleigh-Durham Skyhawks are in North America East.

Ten games are played, with one side faced twice. In the Monarchs' case, that is the Knights. The division winners plus the team with the next-best record go on to the play-offs on June 1 and 2. The World Bowl, likely to be at Wembley, takes place on June 9.

All the players are contracted to the WLAF, not the teams, and are paid a basic salary that ranges from £7,500 for kickers such as Phil Alexander, of the Monarchs, £12,500 for quarter*backs, and £10,000 for the rest.* Further incentives are built into the contracts, so that, for example, if Alexander kicks the winning field goal in the World Bowl, he could easily quadruple the basic salary.

Rules are designed to add excitement to the games. For example, there is a 35sec limit between plays, celebrations will be allowed after a touchdown, and a team can opt for a two-point conversion, returning the ball into the end zone, instead of the usual kick for one point.

The future of the WLAF depends on London. Any expansion — Paris, Moscow and Peking have been mentioned — would be doubtful if London were perceived as a failure. Mike Lynn, president of the WLAF, said: "If we can make it in London, we can make anywhere in Europe."

MONARCHS' FIXTURES: March 23: away v Frankfurt; **March 31:** home v New York-New Jersey; **April 6:** home v Orlando; **April 15:** away v Birmingham; **April 20:** home v Montreal; **April 28:** home v Raleigh-Durham; **May 6:** away v San Antonio; **May 11:** away v New York-New Jersey; **May 18:** away v Sacramento; **May 27:** v Barcelona.

IN BRIEF

Woosnam opens up

IAN Woosnam, after a first round 73, returned a 67 to close on the leader, Tom Watson, with 140 in the USF&G Classic in New Orleans.

With five birdies in six holes from the 15th, he then missed two more birdie chances on his last two greens.

CYCLING: Greg LeMond and other professional cyclists reached a truce on the compulsory helmets dispute and agreed to race the Milan to San Remo classic today. On Monday, talks will start in Geneva on lighter headgear.

VOLLEYBALL: The only non-London club involved, Reebok Liverpool City, look to their recent Dutch signing, Peter van Wijk, for inspiration in the Royal Bank of Scotland English Cup finals at Crystal Palace today.

SQUASH RACKETS: Bryan Beeson, the England captain, was defeated 15-5, 15-6, 15-8 by Jansher Khan in the German Open at Cologne.

SAILBOARDING: Nick Luget raised the British speed record from 40.88 to 41.22 knots (47.43mph) over a drag strip off the Carmargue coast. Samantha Harrison's 34.61 knots was a women's record.

MOTOR SPORT: Rick Shortle, a former speedway rider, Formula Ford driver and Brands Hatch Racing Centre instructor, has been appointed manager of the Snetterton circuit in Norfolk.

CRICKET: THe Sheffield Shield final between Victoria and New South Wales at Melbourne will still last for five days despite heavy rain washing out the opening day yesterday.

EQUESTRIANISM: Paris was chosen in Tokyo as host for the 1994 World Games, ahead of The Hague, Aachen and Lexington, United States.

HOCKEY

Hazlitt scoops Army towards supremacy

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

Royal Navy 0
Army 3

THE Army's victory over the Royal Navy at Plymouth yesterday enabled them to retain not only the services championship but also the Wilkinson Sword, the symbol of supremacy for matches between them.

The Navy, despite their limited resources in attack, held on until the nineteenth minute. From the Army's second short corner, Hazlitt tried a scoop to which Dale-Smith responded with a high-stick save. The price he paid was a penalty stroke which Hazlitt converted himself.

Two minutes later Moseley set up a chance for the Navy but Watson's reluctance to shoot denied them a goal. The Army went further ahead in the thirtieth minute from another short corner, Hazlitt's scoop this time going through without intervention.

Three minutes into the second half, James sent Antonelli through a gap to score the third goal. The Navy's response was to force their first short corner of the match from which Mather's shot was well saved by Johnstone. From then on the Army's superior strength began to tell. They ended the tournament by qualifying for the 1991 county championship at both senior and under-21 level.

ROYAL NAVY: PO S Enticknap (sub L/Cpl A Thomson, Royal Marines); Lt/Cdr I Bisson, Lt G Dale-Smith, Lt K Bramble, PO L Hammond, PO S Mitchell, CCPO G Mather (capt), Sub/Lt D Ward, AEM J Moseley, Wtr L Watson, LWEM T Spinks (sub: Sub/Lt W Warrender). **ARMY:** 2/Lt A Johnstone (REME); Cpl Boxell (RAEC, captain), Lt A Belgarnie (RE), Maj G James (R Signals), Lt S Hazlitt (Light Infantry), S/Sgt C Peach (RAPC), Maj M Banham (RA), Maj I Jolly (RA), Cpt M Hanson (R Signals), Sgt A Smith (RAOC), Cpl D Antonelli (REME). **Umpires:** Fl/Sgt B Anderson (Combined Services) & Sgt J Patel (Combined Services).
RESULTS: Under-21: Royal Navy 1, Army 1 (Army win title on goal difference). **Veterans:** Royal Navy 2, Army 2 (Navy win on goal difference). **Seniors:** Royal Navy 0, Army 3. **Final placings:** 1, Army 4pts; 2, RAF, 2; 3, Royal Navy, 0.

Bromley intending to reverse cup fortunes

BROMLEY, the runners-up to Hounslow in 1989, have a chance for revenge when the clubs meet tomorrow at Edenbridge in the semi-final of the Nationwide Anglia Cup (Sydney Friskin writes).

Both sides, at full strength, approach the match with customary fervour, Richards, for Bromley, hoping to convert as many short corners as possible and Thompson, the Hounslow centre forward, attempting to add to his total of goals.

Cannock, at home to Havant, the holders, at Four Crosses ground, are relying mainly on Chris Mayer and Madeley to inspire them. Havant, however, must be fancied to win.

All four teams in the Cup have important matches today in the Poundstretcher National League. Cannock can do with the points when they take on Teddington at the same venue. Havant, two points clear at the top of the first division are at home to Southgate.

Hounslow, the holders, travel to Neston and Bromley will be at Clarence Park against St Albans.

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

OPORTO: Portuguese Open: Early second-round leaders (GB and Ire unless stated): 138: S Richardson, 71, 67. **141:** W Riley (Aus), 72, 69; J Rivero (Sp), 71, 70; J van de Velde (Fr), 74, 67. **142:** B Marchbank, 70, 72. **143:** A Johnstone (Zim), 72, 71; V Fernandez (Arg), 73, 70; M McLean, 72, 71; R Rafferty, 73, 70; P Hall, 72, 71; D Smyth, 68, 75. **144:** B Barnes, 72, 72; D Durnian, 71, 73. **145:** J Davis (Sp), 72, 73; M A Jimenez (Sp), 76, 69; P Mitchell, 74, 71. **146:** H Clark, 73, 73; A Sorensen (Den), 74, 72; D Gilford, 71, 75; J M Cañizares (Sp), 73, 73; O Sellberg (Swe), 76, 70; R Drummond, 75, 71; P Hedblom (Swe), 72, 74; R Winchester, 74, 72; E Romero (Arg), 73, 73; M Clayton (Aus), 71, 75. **147:** M Fernandez (Arg), 73, 74; M Piñero (Sp), 75, 72; J Pinsent, 79, 68; J Bennett, 70, 77; M Mackenzie, 74, 73; D Cooper, 71, 76; P Lonard (Aus), 75, 72; P Parkin, 75, 72; K Trimble (Aus), 72, 75; J Hobday, 74, 73; D A Russell, 75, 72; R Hartmann (US), 72, 75. **148:** J Heggarty, 72, 76; E Dussart (Fr), 77, 71; A Sherborne, 73, 75; W Grant, 73, 75; G Ralph, 74, 74; C Rocca (It), 75, 73; M Roe, 76, 72; G Turner, 77, 71; D J Russell, 71, 77; J Quiros (Sp), 76, 72; F Lindgren (Swe), 73, 75; B Nelson (US), 76, 72; J Hawksworth, 75, 73.

NEW ORLEANS: USF and G Classic: Leading first-round scores (United States unless stated): 67: T Watson, S Randolph, P Blackmar, D Pruitt, W Mayfair. **68:** J Nicklaus, K Knox, R Black, K Kimball, R Lohr, B Jaeckel. **British scores: 72:** A Lyle. **73:** I Woosnam.

SHIZUOKA, Japan: Daido Shizuoka Open: Leading second-round scores (Japan unless stated): 139: Hideki Kase, 66, 73. **140:** P Hoad (GB), 68, 72. **141:** Isao Aoki, 71, 70; Yutaka Suzuki, 69, 72. **142:** Yoshinori Mizumaki, 71, 71; Kiyoshi Yoshimura, 71, 71; Yutaka Hagawa, 70, 72; Hiroshi Makino, 69, 73.

DELHI: Indian Open: Leading second-round scores (United States unless stated): 138: A Sher (India), 71, 67. **139:** R Velasquez (Col), 69, 70; M Asbil, 69, 70; D Tentis, 69, 70. **140:** G Lesher, 66, 74. **141:** T Hamilton, 75, 66. **142:** K Mattiace, 68, 74; Masashi Shimoi (Japan), 70, 72; H Borgovist (Den), 71, 71; B Ali (India), 73, 69; R Gibson (Can), 70, 72.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Orlando Magic 105, San Antonio Spurs 102; Houston Rockets 98, Sacramento Kings 87; Utah Jazz 100, Charlotte Hornets 94; Golden State Warriors 136, Denver Nuggets 118.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP: Quarter-final group: Kingston 95 (Duncan 22, A Cunningham 20, Clark 18, Byrd 14, Henlan 14), Bayer Leverkusen 98 (Wheeler 23, Welp 18, Harnisch 16, K Johnson 13); Maccabi Tel Aviv 108, Pop '84 Split 85; Barcelona 100, Scavolini Pesaro (It) 87; Limoges 98, Aris Salonika 108.

QUARTER-FINAL POOL

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Barcelona	13	10	3	1194	1072	23
Split	13	8	5	1115	1088	21
Tel Aviv	13	7	6	1129	1080	20
Salonika	13	7	6	1225	1227	20
Pesaro	13	7	6	1215	1201	20
Leverkusen	13	6	7	1251	1287	19
Kingston	13	4	9	1085	1139	17
Limoges	13	3	10	1153	1255	16

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Quebec Nordiques 3, Boston Bruins 3 (OT); Pittsburgh Penguins 5, New York Rangers 4 (OT); Washington Capitals 6, New York Islanders 2; St Louis Blues 4, Philadelphia Flyers 1; Chicago Blackhawks 2, New Jersey Devils 2 (OT).

SWIMMING

SHEFFIELD: European Diving Cup: Men: 1m: Qualifiers: 1, D Lorenzini (It), 340.74pts; 2, J Nalliod (Fr), 321.12; 3, J Arbon (GB), 320.52; 4, R Punzel (Ger), 319.68; 5, G Chogovadze (USSR), 318.15; 6, O J Aasen (Nor), 317.84; 7, H Schlepps (Ger), 314.04; 8, V Statsenko (USSR), 312.72; 9, O Bertone (It), 305.55; 10, E Nordby (Nor), 299.34; 11, J Richter (Austria), 294.72; 12, J N Gil (Sp), 283.48. **Quarter-finals: Group A:** 1, Statsenko, 375.27; 2, Gil, 356.78; 3, Nordby, 311.76; 4, Aasen, 311.34. **Semi-finals: Group A:** 1, Statsenko, 337.26; 2, Punzel, 322.38; 3, Nalliod, 314.10; 4, Gil, 314.04. **Group B:** 1, Lorenzini, 346.32; 2, Arbon, 345.78; 3, Schlepps, 329.64; 4, Bertone, 299.04. **Final:** 1, Punzel, 342.18; 2, Lorenzini, 338.58; 3, Arbon, 345.78; 4, Statsenko, 324.33. **10m: Qualifiers:** 1, M Kuehne (Ger), 403.68pts; 2, D Sautin (USSR), 378.99; 3, G Tchogouadze (USSR), 373.68; 4, A Ali (GB), 361.20; 5, S Doegnitz (Ger), 360.54; 6, A de Bottion (It), 345.39; 7, R Alvarez (Sp), 342.18; 8, E Ratia (Sp), 334.38; 9, F Pierre (Fr), 329.82; 10, P Italiani (It), 319.56; 11, J Statham (GB), 315.09; 12, O Aasen (Nor), 283.50. **Women: 1m: Qualifiers:** 1, I Lashko (USSR), 259.74pts; 2, I Pisareva (USSR), 229.86; 3, S Koch (Ger), 226.38; 4, S Kruger (Ger), 217.77; 5, J Cruz (Sp), 214.86; 6, A Rossey (GB), 206.22; 7, E Ferrara (It), 201.96; 8, N Szakfly (Hun), 196.20; 9, O Pinter (Hun), 194.13; 10, L Bisello (It), 193.88; 11, T Miles (GB), 186.51; 12, C Aviolat (Switz), 183.48. **Quarter-finals: Group A:** 1, Aviolat, 222.96; 2, Bisello, 210.24; 3, Rossey, 203.73; 4, Szakfly, 194.37. **Group B:** 1, Cruz, 211.02; 2, Miles, 202.77; 3, Ferrara, 197.52; 4, Pinter, 140.43. **Semi-finals (first two in each group through to final): Group A:** 1, Pisareva, 246.06; 2, Kruger, 221.85; 3, Bisello, 218.34; 4, Aviolat, 185.97. **Group B:** 1, Lashko, 256.12; 2, Cruz, 233.52; 3, Koch, 218.26; 4, Miles, 178.71.

TENNIS

BISHAM ABBEY: Dewhurst International junior tournament: Singles: Quarter-finals: Boys: M Maclagan (East of Scot) bt S Barron (Ire), 6-1, 6-0; N Weal (Hants) bt J Baily (Hants), 2-6, 7-6, 6-4; P Cooper (Warwicks) bt M Pennonen (Swe), 6-2, 6-7, 6-4; L Sabin (Dorset) bt L-G Svensson (Swe), 7-6, 6-4. **Girls:** J Pullin (Sussex) bt H Matthews (Berks), 7-5, 7-6; V Greene-Barber (Cambs) bt A Peterson (Hants), 7-6, 7-5; J Ward (Durham and Cleveland) bt E Roubenova (USSR), 6-4, 6-3; F Stoner (Surrey) bt D Walsh (Ire), 6-4, 6-3.

YACHTING

ANZIO, Italy: Olympic classes regatta: Finn: 1, E Mergenthaler (Mex); 2, T Schmid (Ger); 3, F Loof (Swe). **British Olympic placings:** 6, S Childerley. **Soling:** 1, Bank and Saier (Den); 2, Hodder and Mason (Aus); 3, Henrikson and Anderson (Den). **British Olympic placings:** 10, Charles and Gowers. **470 (men):** 1, Cian and Scotto (It); 2, Montefusco and Montefusco (It); 3, Lenier and Gasperini (Fr).

CYCLING

CATALAN WEEK: Fifth stage: 1, M Hermans (Neth), 3hr 34min 51sec; 2, D Abdujaparov (USSR); 3, K Weltz (Den); 4, M Manzani (It); 5, O Ludwig (Ger); 6, M Iglesias (Sp); 7, A Silva (Por); 8, M Elliott (GB); 9, R Pagnin (It); 10, C Bomans (Bel), all same time. **Final placings:** 1, S Roche (Ire), 18:29:52; 2, A Fuerte (Sp), at 3sec; 3, J Llach (Sp), 6; 4, C Chiappucci (It), 14; equal 5, O Rincon (Col) and L A Herrera (Col), both same time.

SKIING

WATERVILLE VALLEY, New Hampshire: World Cup: Men: Giant slalom: 1, A Tomba (It), 2min 26.56sec; 2, O Furuseth (Nor), 2:26.57; 3, R Nierlich (Austria), 2:28.94; 4, J Wallner (Swe), 2:28.01; 5, M Kunc (Yug), 2:29.14; 6, R Salzgeber (Austria), 2:29.35; 7, H Pieren (Switz), 2:29.51; 8, M Knoerl (Switz), 2:29.53; 9, J Polig (It), 2:29.55; 10, A Feutrier (Fr), 2:29.56. **World Cup: Final standings:** 1, Tomba, 152pts; 2, Nierlich, 101; 3, M Girardelli (Lux), 64; 4, U Kaelin (Switz), 64; 5, F Nyberg (Swe), 52; 6, Furuseth, 44. **Overall:** 1, Girardelli, 242; 2, Tomba, 202; 3, F Heinzer (Switz), 199; 4, Nierlich, 181; 5, Furuseth, 156; 6, A Skaardal (Nor), 153; 7, G Mader (Austria), 117; 8, P Accola (Switz), 102; 9, D Mahrer (Switz), 93; 10, L Kjus (Nor) 92.

SALEN, Sweden: Freestyle World Cup: Final standings: Men: 1, P Laroche (Can), 210pts; 2, D Meda (Fr), 208; 3, J-M Bacquin (Fr), 202; 4, K Feddersen (US), 198; 5, T Worthington (US), 194; 6, S Foucras (Fr), 174. **Women:** 1, E Simchen (Ger), 101; 2, K Marshall (Aus), 97; 3, C Brand (Switz), 81; 4, H Lid (Nor), 77; 5, M Lindgren (Swe), 70; 6, J Curry (GB), 59. **Ballet: Men:** 1, L Spina (US), 28.35pts; 2, R Kristiansen (Nor), 28.60; 3, A Weiss (Ger), 28.40; 4, D Walker (Can), 28.30; 5, H Baumgartner (Switz), 27.90; 6, R Pierce (Can), 27.80. **Final overall:** 1, Kristiansen, 228; 2, Spina, 213. 3, Walker, 201; 4, R Franco (It), 197; 5, Weiss, 191; 6, Pierce, 186.

EQUESTRIANISM

ANTWERP: Prix Gemeentekrediet: 1, Henderson Gammon (J Whitaker, GB), 0 faults, 25.72sec; 2, Martini Dry (P Le Jeune, Bel), 0, 26.82; 3, Benesto Let's Go (L Alvarez Cervera, Sp), 0, 26.97.

ZURICH: Swarovski Silver Crystal Prize: 1, Henderson My Messieur (M Whitaker, GB), 0 faults, 29.37sec; 2, Bockmann's Lamour (T Fruhmann, Austria), 0, 30.27; 3, Optiebeurs Libero (J Lansink, Neth), 0, 32.64.

FOOTBALL

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Watford 2, Queens Park Rangers 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: VS Rugby 1, Waterlooville 2.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Huddersfield 0, Newcastle 1. **Second division:** Barnsley 2, West Bromwich Albion 1; Middlesbrough 2, Notts County 0; Bradford 1, Mansfield 0; Burnley 2, Blackpool 1.

DUTCH LEAGUE: First division: Feyenoord 1, SVV Schiedam 1.

SNOOKER

PRESTON: Embassy world championship: First qualifying round: V Potaznyk (Aus) bt J Meadowcroft (Eng), w o; B Werbeniuk (Can) bt C Everton (Wales), w o; R Lawlor (Eng) bt D Mienie (SA), 5-0, ret.

MATCHROOM LEAGUE: T Meo (Eng) drew with J Wattana (Thai), 4-4.

SPEEDWAY

GOLD CUP: Postponed: Oxford v Kings Lynn (now on April 17).

SQUASH RACKETS

COLOGNE: German Open: Quarter-finals: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt B Beeson (Eng), 15-5, 15-6, 15-8; C Robertson (Aus) bt B Martin (Aus), 15-9, 15-11, 11-15, 15-8.

SPORTS POLITICS

Rise in rate of VAT cuts pools benefit

SPORTS Council of Wales (SCW) policy planning unit figures show extra money, probably £30 million, set up in a deal with the pools companies, will be significantly offset by the 2.5 per cent increase in value added tax payable through sport (John Goodbody writes).

Dr Huw Jones, the head of policy planning for the Council, said that the figures from *The Economic Impact and Importance of Sport*, produced by the Henley Centre, indicate that consumer expenditure on sports, at 1985 prices, was £3.2 billion, with VAT raising £465 million.

Dr Jones added that at 1991 prices "we are looking at an extra tax burden of around £100 million for sport consumers. Therefore, sport will be worse off by £70 million".

BOWLS

Favourites crushed by Scotland

SCOTLAND won the home international series at Aberdeen yesterday, defeating England, the holders for seven of the last eight years, 119-112 (Gordon Allan writes).

England were 15 shots up but the Scots levelled at 79-79 with 41 ends to go, then took a 111-110 lead with five ends left. Scotland won on four rinks.

Jim Baker is withdrawing from international competition. David Corkill skipped Baker's rink as Ireland beat Wales in the third place match.

RESULTS: Ireland 119, Wales 116. Ireland skips first: J Nutt 28, D Wilkins 16; D Corkill 31, T Sullivan 12; S Elliman 11, J Price 29; S Adamson 19, W Thomas 17; J McCloughlin 20, G Jones 20; S Allen 11, L Webley 22.
Scotland 119, England 112. Scotland skips first: R Provan 18, J Bell 20; A Blair 24, A Thomson 13; A Campbell 12, D Ward 25; A Marshall 20, A Allcock 15; R Corsie 24, D Bryant 22; W Wood 21, P Branfield 17.

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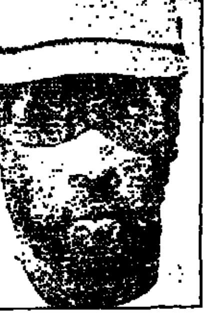

NOTHING has ever united the West Indies like cricket, a game in which they have been the dominant force since the mid-1970s. But after Australia's conclusive victory in the one-day series it is widely felt that the time has come to discard the old guard.

Vivian Richards, above, became the leading West Indian run scorer in the drawn first Test in Jamaica and captains his side again as the second Test opens in Guyana today. John Woodcock finds that Richards is a man under pressure in Georgetown and that his tactical appreciation will be stretched by the confident Australians................Page 38

MOTOR RACING

Home start

AYRTON Senna feels at home in Sao Paulo after setting the fastest time in first practice for tomorrow's Brazilian grand prix. Norman Howell reports on a rainy start at the Interlagos circuit........................Page 40

TENNIS

New order

STEFFI Graf, above, might well reflect that someone younger and better is always coming along. Except that those sentiments were voiced yesterday by Monica Seles, who has relieved Graf of her position as world No. 1 and at 17 has four years on her side as well. Andrew Longmore reports from Florida on a case of the hunter hunted........................Page 41

COMMENT

IOC visit

FOR THE first time in 24 years, the International Olympic Committee is visiting South Africa to examine its case for re-admittance to the Olympic family. With the Barcelona Games only a year away, David Miller gauges the mood among the IOC delegates as they embark on their mission............Page 40

GOLF

Riding high

THE LURE of a place in the Ryder Cup team is spurring Steven Richardson, above, to great things on the European tour. Having finished first, second and fourth already this season, Richardson has the lead after two rounds of the Portuguese Open following a 67 yesterday.

RACING

Draw favour

SELAAH, the ante-post favourite for today's William Hill Lincoln at Doncaster, is well drawn in stall four for the £50,000 handicap, the first big race of the Flat season. Page 39

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Uefa introduces new format for European games

From David Miller in Geneva

THE Dutch Football Association yesterday confirmed that it had no intention of seeking to shift the European Cup Winners' Cup final from Rotterdam, for security reasons, should Manchester United meet either Barcelona or Juventus.

For the two-legged semi-final on April 10 and 24, United were drawn here yesterday against Legia Warsaw, thereby avoiding either of the supposedly more powerful clubs from Spain and Italy. Yet it should be noted that Legia disposed of Sampdoria, the holders and Italian League leaders.

In the European Cup, Marseilles have the benefit once again of playing the first leg away from home, as against Milan in the quarter-final. Opinion circulating among Uefa committee members yesterday was that the disciplinary committee will on Wednesday probably suspend Milan for one year from European competition, and impose individual discipline upon Adriano Galliani, the club's executive chairman, following Wednesday's disgraceful behaviour in Marseilles.

Lennart Johansson, the Swedish president of Uefa, while not wishing to be drawn on next Wednesday's decision, said meaningfully that he expected the committee would take appropriate action. Johansson expressed the view that it was just as important that officials should be seen to behave as properly as players.

The end of Milan's attempt at a third consecutive title, and the benefits for all clubs reaching the quarter-finals, became more significant with the confirmation yesterday that, for a trial period next season, the quarter-final and semi-final stages of the European Cup will switch to a round-robin league system. The eight quarter-finalists will be divided into two groups of four, each club playing three ties home and away and the two mini-league winners proceeding to the final. The additional match will be staged on the same dates as the third round of the Uefa Cup in November and December.

Such an idea was first raised at a meeting in London 14 years ago, attended by many leading clubs and by the then secretary of Uefa, Hans Bangerter. "A good idea, but not yet," Bangerter said at the time. Progress can take a while to reach lift-off.

If nothing else, this system, though removing the traditional drama of knock-out competition, will reduce the absurd level of emotion that surrounded the Milan-Marseilles tie and precipitated Milan's wretched surrender of sportsmanship.

On the other hand, it will encourage more negative football and the pursuit of goalless draws away from home, atthe expense of a search for valuable away goals.

Manchester United and their semi-final opponents were the only two of four Cup Winners' Cup clubs to bother to accept the invitation yesterday morning by the Dutch to discuss conditions for the final. Juventus and Barcelona failed to show.

Henny Smorenburg, the administrative director of the Dutch FA, outlined security and accommodation plans. I see no cause for alarm, whoever the finalists: the Dutch football authorities and police have plenty of experience dealing with their own football hooligans.

Following home first legs against Pecs Munkas, of Hungary, Wrexham and then Montpellier, United are now away in the first leg against Legia, for whom this is only their second appearance in a semi-final. Coached by the former Polish international, Wladislav Stachurski, Legia lie eleventh in the league.

Ken Merrett, United's general secretary, was pleased with the draw, not least because potential spectator problems should remain well within manageable proportions. Merrett expects some 2,000 supporters to travel to Warsaw, similar to the match in Montpellier on Tuesday, when 500 tickets were sold officially and more than 2,000 spectators made the journey; happily without serious problems.

The Legia ground holds only 16,000, it was barely two-thirds full for the visit of Sampdoria. Two thousand Mancunians could therefore be one fifth of the Warsaw crowd. Given United's unpredictable form, this is a tie for which they should not be falsely confident.

Alex Ferguson, the manager, was however pleased to be playing the away leg first. "In more ways than one, it is obviously to our benefit to play them in Warsaw first," he said. "The second leg is on April 24 and as we are involved in the Rumbelows Cup final against Sheffield Wednesday at Wembley on April 21, it would have meant something of a scramble to get over there in time."

Maciej Szczesmy, Legia's experienced goalkeeper, will miss both legs of the semi-final after being sent off at Sampdoria on Wednesday.

Semi-final draws

European Cup
Bayern Munich v Red Star Belgrade
Spartak Moscow v Marseilles
European Cup Winners' Cup
Legia Warsaw v Manchester United
Barcelona v Juventus
Uefa Cup
Brondby v Roma
Sporting Lisbon v Internazionale

First-leg matches April 10, second leg April 24. First named team at home in first leg.

Safe keeping, page 41

Coach's daughter on a high

MARC ASPLAND

FOLLOWING in mother's footsteps: it has been quite a week for Ekaterina Roubanova at the Dewhurst international junior tennis tournament at Bisham Abbey. Roubanova is the 12-year-old daughter of Olga Morozova, a former Wimbledon singles finalist and the coach to the Rover British elite squad, and the youngest competitor in the girls' competition. Building on her success at the 14-and-under winter series finals at Nottingham last weekend, Roubanova came through the qualifying tournament to reach the quarter-finals at Bisham, where yesterday she lost, 6-4, 6-3, to Joanne Ward, from South Shields, who is three years her senior. It was her fifth match in four days. Victory for Ward ended foreign presence in the competition, because British players fill all eight semi-final places in the boys' and girls' singles.

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Uniformity proves elusive

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

DESPITE a mountain of words which suggested yesterday that the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) had made progress over the amateur regulations, England's rugby players are likely to find that less than a molehill has been achieved. Where the Rugby Football Union (RFU) looked for uniformity, individual discretion — and all that that always implied — remains.

The RFU, therefore, is likely to remain as much on a limb as it was before the board's annual meeting in London this week. Albert Agar, one of its representatives, admitted as much when he said: "If England are consistent with their earlier decision they will still not implement 4:3:2."

The board has agonised this week over amateur regulations 3 and 4: the first has to do with compensation, on which front the maximum sum permitted for financial disadvantage goes up from £20 to £40 for players preparing for, and playing in, senior representative sides.

Would that regulation 4 had been as straightforward: all eight board members agreed to Scotland's amendment to the controversial clause 4:3:2 which, in its new form, enables a union "to permit communication for material benefit at any social function or gathering organised by a union, club or supporters' club provided the benefit is not related to any rugby-playing activity."

That, in effect, means a bar on players being paid for appearing at functions on match day: a covert means of paying players for playing.

Not that any self-respecting team manager would encourage a player to attend such a function while preparing for an important match and, in my experience, personal appearances immediately afterwards are not in most players' thoughts.

Nor does speaking at dinners interest the players greatly. The market they wish to examine is the kind of advertising which will show both individuals and the game in a positive light.

"The real cause of discord, certainly in discussions I have had, is the wording of 4:2 which relates to advertising," Brian Moore, the Harlequins and England hooker, said.

"All we have ever asked is to compete on an equal footing with everyone we play against. My interpretation of a ruling body is that it sets the laws, puts them into practice and administrates them fairly and evenly among its members.

However, Sir Ewart Bell, retiring chairman of the amateurism committee (that particular bed of thorns now passes to Denis Easby, of England), reiterated: "Each union can still decide how to operate 4:3:2. We think some flexibility in the regulations is not a bad thing and takes account of different circumstances in different countries."

A detailed list of permitted activities, drafted by England, will go to unions for them to determine how far they will implement the regulations

More tellingly he also said the regulations as they now stood were not the first choice of any single union, some of whom would have gone further, some not so far.

Bath out for revenge, page 40

Olympic plans are unveiled

By John Goodbody

THE London Olympic 2000 campaign yesterday unveiled its plans to bring the Games to the capital, including the provision of a 60,000-seat athletics stadium in the Docklands.

At least 15 of the 25 sports would be staged in East London, although Wembley would be used for the opening and closing ceremonies.

Richard Sumray, a board member of the London Olympic 2000 campaign, said he was confident the bid would beat off Manchester to win the British nomination when the British Olympic Association makes its choice on April 24. The International Olympic Committee will select the venue for the 2000 Games in 1993.

Sumray said: "This is the best bid this country could come up with. If everybody is behind it — the government, the prime minister and the royal family — it will be a bid not just for London but for Britain.

"Not only would all the new sports facilities leave a rich heritage for sport, but the villages would provide housing for thousands of people with excellent supporting facilities." He was also confident that the Games would make a profit.

The plans include:

☐ The athletics stadium at Silvertown, with a capacity extended to 80,000 for the Games and which would surely be of interest to the nearby football club, West Ham United, which has been actively looking to relocate its present home from Upton Park;

☐ An Olympic pool at nearby Beckton to stage the swimming, diving and water polo events;

☐ Rowing and canoeing at the Royal Albert Dock;

☐ Boxing at the London Arena;

☐ Gymnastics and other indoor events at the London Dome, which is at the planning stage;

☐ An Olympic village on the Greenwich peninsula for 16,000 competitors and officials;

☐ And an Olympic "family town" at Barking Reaches for journalists and other visitors to the Games.

Outside London, the yachting would be held at either Weymouth or Falmouth, the modern pentathlon at Windsor and the equestrian events at Woburn.

Save the whales with a winning team

SIMON BARNES
ON SATURDAY

Perhaps Steve Deek was sent from heaven to be this column's hero of the week. And he reaches this dizzy eminence without even being a goalkeeper. He is a motor racing driver. He is a driver for The Whale Club of the World Formula Three team. The race car will be decked out in Whale Club livery, and the team will set up Whale Club displays at every race meeting. And, lest anyone suspect a note of sordid commerce among all this high-mindedness, the advertising space on the car goes to the Whale Club free of charge.

The car will race throughout 1991 in Whale colours. "Whales and dolphins are being illegally slaughtered," Deek said. "But public awareness of this is low. Through our television racing programme, I think we can help change this."

All sports tend to introspection, and act as if the world's problems were none of their concern. Sport is all. You don't want to lose your focus by worrying about famine or whaling, now do you? Of all sports, motor racing tends to be the most insular. "Motor racing has not enjoyed an environmentally conscious image," Deek said. "I hope our initiative will help to redress this."

The loser's tale

Richard Walmsley has, alas, been upstaged in his efforts to be hero of the week, but greetings to him anyway. He is certainly goalkeeper of the week. He kept goal for Wells Cathedral School, old friends of this column, in the recent south-west choristers six-a-side tournament. Wells reached the final against Exeter, thanks in part to a sad match with the Hereford Cathedral keeper. This unfortunate songster absent-mindedly stepped back over his goalline while taking a punt out, and thus conceded a goal. Walmsley did nothing so foolish in the final: he kept a clean sheet. This heroic match finished at 0-0. Exeter won. The match was decided, not on penalties but on corners. Corners! Poor Walmsley finished on the losing side without conceding a goal. Sport is supposed to teach you lessons about reality, and keeping goal is more instructive than any other position. You learn that life is hard. And then you lose.

Mascot madness

I am sad to have missed what must certainly have been one of the sporting events of the year — a seminar for the baseball mascots of America. It was supposed to be an educational experience for such people as the Pirate Parrot, Fred Bird, The Bird of Baltimore Orioles, Phillie Phanatic, The Slider, Homer the Brave, The Astros' Orbit, and the Mariner Moose. Be that all grown men are all grown men who prance and jiggle about at baseball matches when dressed up as anthropomorphic animals. What do these people study, I hear you ask. Playing to the crowd. Use of mime. Use of body language. Getting children involved. Dealing with obnoxious spectators.

Tom Mosser, aka the Pirate Parrot, told *Sports Illustrated* magazine: "It'll be kind of nice to meet other adults avoiding reality like I am." He also told of the day when he passed out at second base, an occupational hazard for a man who dresses as a parrot on a hot day. "Naturally, everyone thought it was part of the routine. I must have been out for five minutes before I got up, stumbled across the field and lay sprawled in a row of empty seats, in dire need of medical attention." He added that the fans loved it.

More on American education: Louisville, Kentucky, is the home of the Kentucky Derby. It also has a university, one that offers the following courses: "Towards a world worthy of feminist allegiance", "Beginning bridge" and "Thoroughbred handicapping". Translated from American into English, the last one means "Picking the winners of horse races". The course runs March 20 to May 15 and includes a field trip to the Kentucky Derby. Bill Doolittle, who runs the course, said: "The class was the first to fill. They had to split it into two sections."

Up for adoption

Does anyone want to adopt a handball player? An odd request, I know, but one made in great sincerity by the British Handball Association. They want to send England teams, boys and girls, to the Commonwealth youth championship, which takes place in Delhi in August. Players, all aged under 18, are a little short on readies, so the association is looking for individual sponsors who will adopt a player by paying his or her air fare, which costs £460 — "Although," a spokesman added, "if there is someone out there who could sponsor the whole team, we would not say no."

Another old friend of this column turns up this week — eventually. Susan Butcher, the defending champion and four-time winner of the Iditarod, the Husky dog-sled race across Alaska, led for most of the way, but lost out at the last to Rick Svenson, who won for a record fifth time. He finished after 12 days, 16 hours and 34 minutes. Butcher had a lead of one hour until the day before the finish, but she reversed course during extreme conditions — "a white-out", to use the vernacular. It is a novelty, having a man win the Iditarod. But Butcher will be back.

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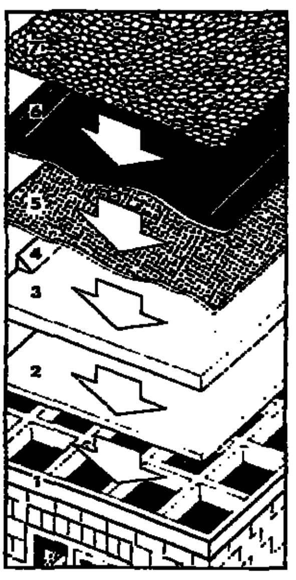

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